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# Design Capacity Charts for Signalized Street and Highway Intersections

## Introduction

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THE recently published *Highway Capacity Manual*<sup>2</sup> has furnished highway and traffic engineers with much-needed data for the design and improvement of streets and highways. This up-to-date information, which is largely based on field observations rather than on theory, should be applied to all design problems to assure the provision of appropriate and adequate highway facilities. The capacity of most streets or urban highways, except those in the freeway class, is determined largely by the volumes of traffic that can be handled at the intersections. Part V of the Manual presents a method of analysis for the calculation of capacity at signalized intersections under various conditions. Although this method is quite complete and is concisely stated in the Manual, its application, with the numerous steps necessary to obtain the result, is apt to become involved for complicated problems.

A graphic analysis method, based on Part V of the Manual, is presented here to facilitate the determination of capacities of signalized intersections. The value of charts is recognized in all fields of engineering, and their application is well demonstrated as a short cut for the use of cumbersome formulas and detailed calculations. Such charts are of considerable value in visual demonstration of the effect of each variable included. The design capacity charts developed here for the analysis of various types of signal-controlled intersections on two-way streets, one-way streets, and expressways are presented with problem examples to demonstrate their use.

A highway intersection, like any other structure, must be designed for the loads it is required to carry. In the case of a signalized intersection the loads are established by the volume, density, composition, and distribution of traffic using the intersecting facilities. The geometric features of design are determined by these traffic loads and their relation to physical characteristics and economic considerations of the site or locality, and to the type of facilities involved.

*The rational determination of highway capacity is now recognized as an important part of highway planning and design. The recently published Highway Capacity Manual provided, for the first time, a complete, practical method for the calculation of intersection capacities. The method developed was an arithmetic process, and for those who prefer a graphic procedure the charts presented in this article were devised. In addition to their convenience, the charts are of value in visual demonstration of the effects of the many variables involved.*

### Data Needed for Capacity Analysis

Knowing the design traffic loads and the physical and economic limitations, an intersection design can be made in one of two manners: (1) a geometric layout can be prepared and by capacity analysis checked for its suitability to carry the anticipated traffic; or (2) the design traffic loads can be used in capacity analyses to determine the necessary control dimensions and operating conditions. In either event a capacity analysis is required, for which proper data are essential. Often only the average daily traffic on each intersecting street is available. This can serve as a general guide but may be of little direct value in the intersection design. For proper capacity analyses the following information is needed:

**Traffic volume and distribution.**—Directional design volumes of traffic on each approach to the intersection, with breakdown as to through, left-turning, and right-turning movements, together with factors for anticipated future traffic increases. In urban and suburban areas, data are needed for simultaneous movements during both the morning and evening peaks to determine the critical conditions.

**Trucks and busses.**—Classification of these traffic volumes to show percentage of trucks and busses.

**Bus stops.**—Near-side or far-side location of bus stops and approximate number of busses using them during the peak hours.

**Type of area.**—Classification of intersection site conditions as downtown, intermediate, or outlying area.

**Traffic signals.**—Type and over-all control conditions of traffic signals used.

**Miscellaneous.**—Requirements for parking and for pedestrians, space limitations of pavement and right-of-way areas, and other physical controls.

### Development of Capacity Charts

The design capacity charts are based on the information contained in part V, Signalized Intersections, of the Manual, particularly the data given in figures 24 and 26 (pp. 79, 84), and the section on adjustments for specific conditions (pp. 87-91). Any one intersection may have as many as eight conditions for which adjustments must be made in order to determine its capacity.

The charts presented here incorporate all of these adjustments, so that for any known condition the intersection capacity can be obtained directly without reference to the various Manual adjustment values. In constructing the charts all of the adjustments are precisely accounted for and no short-cuts or approximations are made. The results obtained by the use of these charts are the same as those from the long-hand method in the Manual. There is one added adjustment to the Manual data, as explained later, in the form of a factor to obtain "design" capacity.

The material on capacity of signalized intersections could have been combined on a few charts to cover all conditions for the various types of facilities, but such charts would be unduly complex. Accordingly, it was decided to prepare a larger number of charts, each containing the data for a selected condition. These charts are individually explained in the following discussion, and examples of their proper use are given in each case.

### General Terms Used

In order to simplify the terms on the charts and in the examples, a system of symbols was adopted for the variable conditions that affect capacity, as follows:

**W/2** Pavement width, in feet, of one approach to the intersection. For the two-way facilities it is normally, but not necessarily, one-half of the curb-to-curb width. For one-way facilities it is the normal curb-to-curb width, exclusive of separate turning lanes.

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<sup>2</sup> *Highway Capacity Manual*, by the Committee on Highway Capacity, Department of Traffic and Operations, Highway Research Board; published by the Bureau of Public Roads, 1950. Hereafter referred to in the text as the Manual.



*T* Trucks and busses on the one approach, expressed as a percentage of the total volume on that approach (exclusive of light delivery trucks).

*R* Right-turning vehicles (of all types) on the one approach, expressed as a percentage of the total volume on that approach.

*L* Left-turning vehicles (of all types) on the one approach, expressed as a percentage of the total volume on that approach.

proach.

*B* Location (or nonexistence) of a bus stop at the intersection, described as near-side stop, far-side stop, or no bus stop.

*D* Distance in feet that parking is prohibited in advance of the intersection, on the approach under consideration.

*G/C* Proportion of total time during the peak hour that the signal is green for the movement of traffic from the one approach, where *G* is the green interval in

seconds and *C* is the total cycle (including the green, amber, and red intervals) in seconds.

*K* Design capacity of one approach, expressed in vehicles per hour.

*P* Possible capacity of one approach, expressed in vehicles per hour.

These terms apply to all charts. Additional terms relative to special conditions are described as they occur in the text.

## Part I.—Two-Way Streets

### DESIGN CAPACITY FACTORS

The basic data for intersection capacities of two-way streets, expressed in terms of average maximum volumes observed at street intersections, are shown in figure 1.<sup>1</sup> These data, to a large degree, represent a condition with a continual backlog of vehicles on the intersection approach so that some drivers waited through two or more cycle changes. In view of this, the Manual recommends the use of 90 percent of the values in figure 1 for what is termed practical capacity. At practical capacity, according to the Manual, traffic will pass through the intersection with few drivers having to wait longer than for the first green period. In examining these data, the Committee on Planning and Design Policies of the American Association of State Highway Officials considered that the constant factor of 90 percent for design was not representative for all cases. With recognition of the variable conditions of street width, type of area, and parking regulation, the Committee recommends that design capacity be determined by application of a factor in the range of 70 to 90 percent of the values obtained from the

<sup>1</sup> This is figure 24 (p. 79) in the Manual.

Manual data and shown here in figure 1. The percentages for conversion of the average values of figure 1 to design capacities, as used herein to construct the charts, are shown in table 1.

It may be noted that an 80- or 90-percent factor is used for the majority of cases. The 70-percent factor is used only for the narrower streets on which parking is permitted on both sides and only one lane is available for moving traffic in each direction.

To demonstrate the application of table 1, consider a two-way, 60-foot street, with parking on both sides, situated in an intermediate area. On this street four lanes (two in each direction) are available for movement of traffic. In figure 1, using a 60-foot street and curve for intermediate area with parking permitted, an average maximum volume of 1,440 vehicles per hour of green is given for one approach. In table 1, for intermediate area, four traffic lanes, and with two parking lanes, the adjustment factor is 80 percent. Design capacity of one approach on this street is  $1,440 \times 0.80 = 1,150$  vehicles per hour of green.

In addition to this adjustment for design capacity, which is incorporated in the de-

sign capacity charts, it may be necessary to make a further adjustment to reflect the character and habits of drivers in a particular city or locality. Since the data in figure 1 are the average of all intersections measured, and are representative of many cities throughout the country, the maximum volumes recorded at some intersections were either above or below the average curves shown in figure 1. The relation between actual intersection capacities in a given locality and those obtained by either the Manual method or the design capacity charts can be expressed as a factor, which may be more or less than unity. This relation, referred to as the "city factor," may be determined as described later on in the section on Special Conditions, item 11, and applied as a final adjustment to the results obtained from the design capacity charts.

### RELATION OF DESIGN CAPACITY TO POSSIBLE CAPACITY

Design capacity is by no means the maximum volume that can be handled at an intersection, but is a value that preferably should be used in design to provide favorable operating conditions. Whereas design capacity represents a volume of traffic that will pass through the intersection with few drivers having to wait longer than for the first green period, possible capacity represents the maximum volume of traffic that can pass through the intersection with a continual backlog of waiting vehicles. The latter condition would be considered by most drivers as too congested, since some drivers would be obliged to wait through two or more signal cycles before proceeding through the intersection. Because of site conditions and right-of-way costs at some intersections, it may not be feasible to provide facilities based on design capacity. In such cases facilities adequate for possible capacity may be the best that can be provided.

Possible capacity, according to the Manual, is 110 percent of the average maximum volumes reported in figure 1. Design capacity, on the other hand, as used herein, is expressed as 70, 80, or 90 percent of the values in figure 1. The relation between design capacity and possible capacity

Table 1.—Conversion of average maximum volumes to design capacity volumes

Parking conditions <sup>a</sup>	Percentages to convert average maximum volumes <sup>1</sup> to design capacities, when the number of traffic lanes <sup>2</sup> is—			
	Two lanes	Four lanes	Six lanes	Eight lanes
Downtown areas:				
Without parking lanes.....	80	80	80	80
With two parking lanes.....	70	80	90	.....
Intermediate areas:				
Without parking lanes.....	80	80	90	90
With two parking lanes.....	70	80	90	.....

<sup>1</sup> From figure 1. <sup>2</sup> Exclusive of parking lanes; percentages apply to lane widths for moving traffic in range of 10-12 feet

Table 2.—Factor *f* for conversion of design capacity to possible capacity

Type of area	Factor <i>f</i> , when <i>W/2</i> (in feet) is—						
	22 or less	24-26	28-30	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-48
No parking:							
Downtown.....	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Intermediate.....	1.4	1.3	1.25	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
With parking:							
Downtown.....	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.25	1.2	1.2
Intermediate.....	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.25	1.2



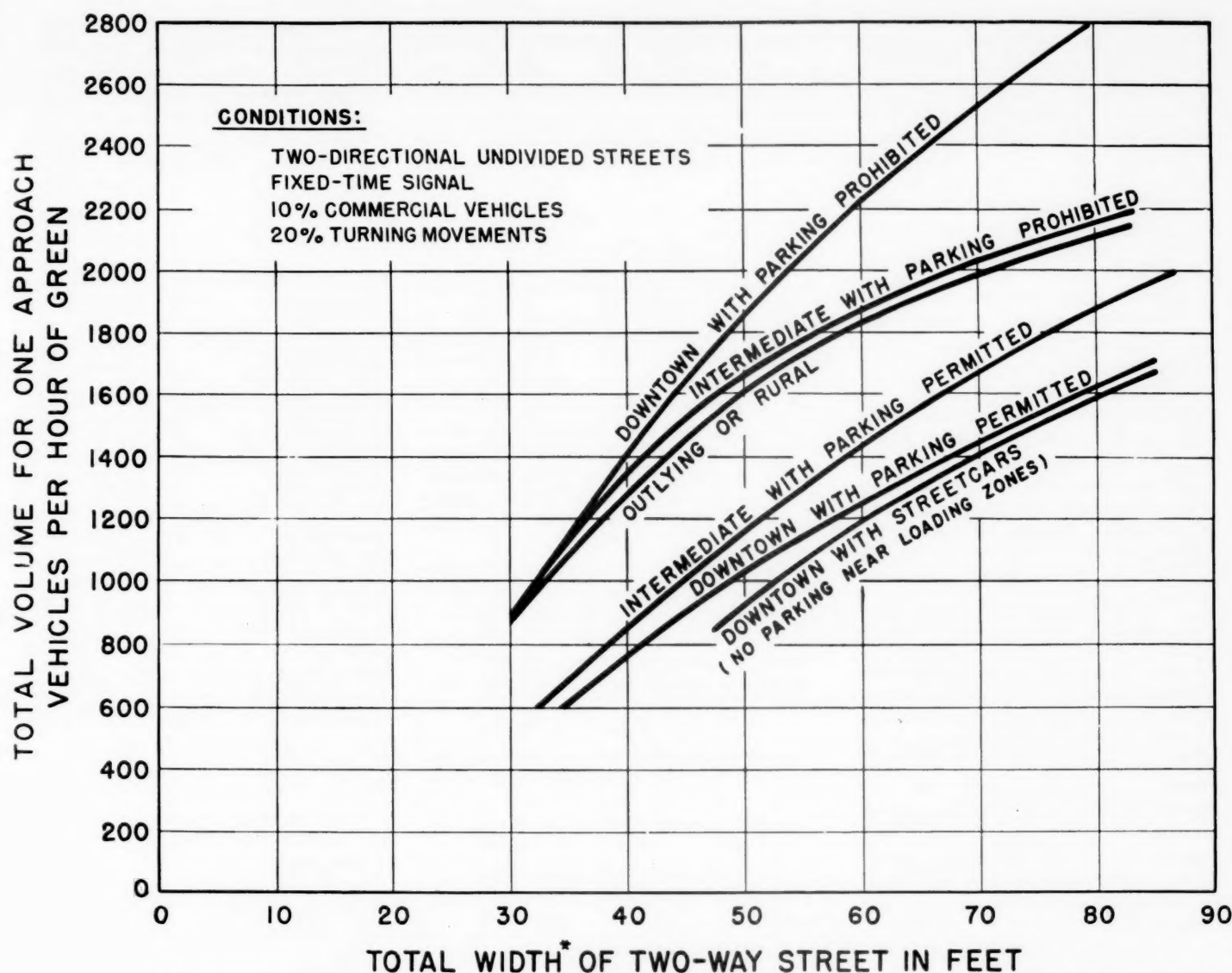


Figure 1.—Average maximum volumes at intersections on two-way streets, for different widths and by type of area and parking regulation.

is the ratio of these percentage values. This ratio provides a factor for determining possible capacity directly from the chart values for design capacity. Table 2 shows these factors, hereafter referred to as  $f$ , for various conditions and ranges of approach width.

The knowledge of possible capacity is needed in many instances. Although an intersection may be designed for design capacity, possible capacity will indicate the volumes that can be handled (with some congestion) on certain peak days during the year. Or, knowing possible capacity, an estimate can be made of the future point in time when no further increase in traffic can be handled.

Moreover, where separate turning lanes are provided, it may not be feasible, according to the distribution of traffic, to accommodate each movement at design capacity. One of the turning movements may have to be designed to operate at or near possible capacity. Design capacity of a separate turning lane is considered to be the same as its practical capacity. Since practical

capacity on an average is 80 percent of possible capacity, the possible capacity of a separate turning lane is 1.2 times its practical capacity.

Experience has indicated that in some instances, particularly in highly developed areas, practical and economic considerations preclude widening or otherwise improving an intersection to accommodate the traffic demand without some congestion. Since the traffic for which an intersection is designed is a future volume (design volume), the intersection generally will operate satisfactorily initially even when designed for possible capacity. However, in the future when traffic builds up and equals the possible capacity, a new facility to accommodate further expansion of traffic becomes essential. Furthermore, when the traffic demand exceeds the possible capacity, operating conditions will not only be unsatisfactory but the total number of vehicles desiring to use the street cannot be served. Thus, the use of possible capacity in design, where the use of design capacity is not feasible, definitely limits the life of the facility to

the date when the assumed volume is reached.

Possible capacity determined by use of the design capacity charts and table 2 is the same as that obtained by the Manual method. However, the design capacity as found by these charts, except for the narrow streets with parking on which only one lane is available for movement of traffic in each direction, is 0-10 percent lower than the practical capacity given in the Manual. The value of practical capacity, if desired, can also be obtained from the design capacity charts, as follows: (1) obtain design capacity from charts 2-6, (2) multiply by appropriate  $f$  in table 2, and (3) multiply the result by 0.80.

#### INTERSECTIONS WITH AVERAGE CONDITIONS

The first step in the development of the capacity charts was the conversion of average maximum volumes to design capacity volumes for average conditions. This was accomplished by application of the percent-

ages in table 1 to the curves of figure 1, resulting in curves I-IV in the upper part of chart 1.<sup>4</sup> These curves serve as bases for the construction of other charts for two-way streets. They give design capacity in vehicles per hour of green (horizontal scale not shown). To convert such values into form for direct design use, the  $G/C$  ratio curves are plotted in the lower part of the chart. Using these, values can be read on the right vertical scale as design capacity in vehicles per hour.

Chart 1 is applicable only to average conditions, but is convenient for use in advance planning and in early stages of preliminary design. It can also be used to obtain an approximate value of design capacity at any intersection where all of the conditions are not precisely known but where the proportions of commercial vehicles, turning movements, etc., may be termed average. The subsequent charts include the adjustment factors applied to these average basic values, to obtain capacities for specific conditions.

Problems 1, 2, and 3 demonstrate the use of chart 1. The sequence through the chart may be as follows: enter at left with given width of approach; proceed right to appropriate curve designating the type of area and parking regulation; at this point turn at right angles and project downward to proper  $G/C$  curve; again turn at right angles and proceed right; read result, design capacity of one approach in vehicles per hour, on the right vertical scale. The chart may also be used in the reverse order, by entering at the right with a given approach volume and reading the result, width of approach required, on the upper left scale.

#### Problem 1

What is the design capacity of a two-way street, 66 feet wide curb-to-curb, with parking prohibited, in an intermediate area? Major intersections are signalized. Specific data regarding commercial vehicles, turning movements, etc., are not known, but conditions are assumed to be average. Half of the time during the hour can be allotted to green on this street.

**Solution:** Using  $W/2=66/2=33$  and  $G/C=0.50$ , and following the arrows indicated in chart 1, it is found that design capacity  $K=880$  v.p.h. in one direction. If parking were permitted,  $K$  would be 650 v.p.h.

#### Problem 2

A major street consisting of a narrow median and two 24-foot pavements, with no parking, in a downtown area, carries a volume of 950 v.p.h. in one direction during the peak hour. A signal is to be installed at a cross street. If conditions are assumed to be average, what should be the minimum green interval on the major street in order to accommodate 950 v.p.h., if a cycle

of 70 seconds is used?

**Solution:** Enter chart 1 at left with  $W/2=24$ , proceed right to curve I, then down to lower graph until a horizontal projection of 950 v.p.h. is intersected;  $G/C$  is interpolated as 0.67. The minimum green interval with a 70-second cycle is, therefore,  $70 \times 0.67=47$  seconds.

#### Problem 3

In a downtown area a two-way 58-foot street, with parking, intersects a two-way 44-foot street with no parking. The former is to accommodate a peak-hour volume of 530 v.p.h. in one direction. If conditions are assumed to be average, and a 60-second cycle is used (of which 6 seconds are allotted to amber) what should be the green interval on the 58-foot street for operation at design capacity? What would be the resultant green interval and design capacity of one approach on the 44-foot street? What would be the possible capacity of this approach?

**Solution:** Enter chart 1 at left with  $W/2=58/2=29$ , proceed right to curve III, then down to lower graph until a horizontal projection of 530 v.p.h. is intersected;  $G/C=0.57$ .  $G$  on 58-foot street  $=60 \times 0.57=34$  seconds.  $G$  on 44-foot street  $=60-34=26$  seconds; and  $G/C=26/60=0.43$ .

For the design capacity of the 44-foot street, using  $W/2=44/2=22$ , curve I, and  $G/C=0.43$ , in chart 1,  $K=420$  v.p.h. in one direction.

For the possible capacity of the 44-foot street, using  $f=1.4$  from table 2 for a 22-foot approach in a downtown area with no parking,  $P=420 \times 1.4=590$  v.p.h. in one direction.

### INTERSECTIONS WITH PARKING PROHIBITED

Charts 2 and 3 include the adjustments for specific intersection conditions on two-way streets where parking is prohibited. The basic design capacity data are taken from curves I (downtown area) and II (intermediate area) in chart 1. The adjustments included are those enumerated in item I on page 88 of the Manual, covering proportions of trucks and busses, right turns, left turns, and type of bus stop. These and the following charts give the adjusted design capacity applicable for direct or final design use, whereas chart 1 is suitable primarily for preliminary investigation.

Chart 2, applicable to downtown areas with no parking allowed, permits graphical solution for a series of capacity adjustment factors. The basic scales at the left side and at the bottom are the same as in chart 1. The intermediate groups of curves cover the likely range in values for the capacity adjustments as enumerated in the Manual. In use, the sequence through the chart requires a right-angle change at the applicable value for each adjustment.

The  $T$ ,  $R$ , and  $L$  adjustments are proportional corrections in terms of the vehicles involved, expressed as a percentage of the

total. The  $B$  adjustment is a correction applied for the far-side, near-side, or no-bus-stop condition. This adjustment covers the cases where there is a normal number of busses stopping to pick up or discharge passengers, resulting in some signal cycles during which no busses utilize the bus-stop area. The  $B_x$  line applies to special cases with high bus volumes, explained later on in the section on Special Conditions.

Chart 2 will often be used by proceeding from the left-side to bottom scales, as shown by arrows. The chart can also be used in the reverse order to obtain the width of approach required to handle a given volume. Or, with a given approach volume and a given width, the necessary ratio of green time to cycle time can be determined readily. In the event that the approach width and the  $G/C$  ratio cannot be altered, but capacity must be increased, the amount of increase by either elimination of left turns or by changing the bus-stop condition, or both, can be found on the chart.

Chart 3 is similar in form and use to chart 2, but is for intermediate areas with no parking allowed. In figure 1 it may be noted that the curves for intermediate areas without parking and those for outlying areas nearly coincide. Since the deviation between the two is generally within about 2 or 3 percent, chart 3 may be used for both intermediate and outlying areas.

Charts 2 and 3 apply to intersection approaches having the conditions described on the charts. The direct use of the charts, as indicated by example arrows, however, is applicable specifically to the condition where the volume of left-turning vehicles on the approach can be handled without requiring a separate signal indication. A check for the capacity of left-turn movement should always be made when using charts 2 and 3, as explained later on in the section on Special Conditions, item 5. For simplicity in demonstration and better understanding of chart use, examples 4-8 are purposely selected so that the volume of left-turning vehicles does not exceed the capacity of the left-turn movement. The maximum volume of left-turning vehicles that can be accommodated without a separate signal indication on major streets is generally in the range of 80 to 120 v.p.h. Further examples illustrate the use of this important control.

#### Problem 4

What is the design capacity, in a downtown area, of one approach on a 64-foot street on which there is no parking, where the cycle is 60 seconds and green interval is 27 seconds? Other pertinent data are shown in the upper part of chart 2.

**Solution:** Enter chart 2 at left with  $W/2=32$  and follow the arrows according to each condition;  $K=780$  v.p.h. in one direction.

#### Problem 5

Determine the design capacity and possible capacity of one approach on a 46-foot

<sup>4</sup>The illustrative figures, incorporated in the text, and the graphic analysis charts, grouped for convenience on pp. 125-139, are independently numbered as separate series.



street on which there is no parking, in a downtown area, with other conditions at the intersection as follows:  $T=5\%$ ,  $R=25\%$ ,  $L=10\%$ ,  $B=\text{near-side stop}$ ,  $G=36$  seconds, and  $C=60$  seconds.

*Solution:* With  $W/2=23$  and  $G/C=36/60=0.60$ , from chart 2,  $K=700$  v.p.h. In table 2,  $f=1.4$ ; therefore  $P=700 \times 1.4=980$  v.p.h.

#### Problem 6

A new two-way street on which there will be no parking, in a downtown area, is planned to cross an existing street. According to the volume on the existing street, 33 percent of the cycle time must be allotted to green on that street. Determine the needed width of pavement on the new street if the design peak-hour volume in one direction is 1,200 v.p.h., and other conditions are as follows:  $T=10\%$ ,  $R=12\%$ ,  $L=5\%$ ,  $B=\text{no bus stop}$ , and  $C=\text{preferably not over 70 seconds}$ , with 6 seconds amber per cycle.

*Solution:* Sixty-seven percent of the cycle time is available for amber and for green on the new street. Therefore,  $(G+\text{amber}) \div C=0.67$ , or  $(G+6) \div 70=0.67$ ;  $G=41$  seconds, and  $G/C=0.59$ .

Enter chart 2 at bottom with a peak-hour volume of 1,200 v.p.h. in one direction, and proceed through the chart, turning at  $G/C=0.59$ ,  $B=\text{no bus stop}$ ,  $L=5\%$ ,  $R=12\%$ , and  $T=10\%$ ;  $W/2=31.5$ . If 11-foot lanes are to be used, the new street should be the nearest multiple, doubled for both directions;  $33 \times 2=66$  feet wide.

#### Problem 7

Determine the design capacity of an intersection approach on a street with a narrow median and two 30-foot pavements, in an intermediate area, where other conditions are as shown in the example at the top of chart 3.

*Solution:* Enter chart at left with  $W/2=30$  and follow the arrows according to each condition;  $K=650$  v.p.h. in one direction.

#### Problem 8

In an outlying area a two-way, 40-foot parkway is to be crossed by a new highway. On the critical approach of the existing parkway, the peak-hour traffic is 520 automobiles in one direction of which 80 turn right and 45 turn left. On the critical approach of the new highway the design volume is 1,030 v.p.h., of which 7% are trucks, and turning movements are 10% and 4% to the right and left, respectively. There will be no parking and no bus stops at the intersection on either facility. If 12-foot lanes are to be used, how many lanes are required on one approach of the new facility?

*Solution:* It is first necessary to determine the proportion of green time required for the existing parkway. From chart 3, using  $W/2=20$ ,  $T=0\%$ ,  $R=80 \div 520=15\%$ ,  $L=45 \div 520=9\%$ , and no bus stops, and intersecting from a volume of 520 v.p.h., it is found that  $G/C=0.43$ .

Assume  $C=60$  seconds and total amber period is 6 seconds. Then,  $G$  for parkway

traffic is  $0.43 \times 60=26$  seconds, and  $G$  for traffic on the new highway is  $60-26-6=28$  seconds.

To determine the required width of the new facility, enter chart 3 at the bottom with a design volume of 1,030 v.p.h. and proceed up and to the left using  $G/C=28/60=0.47$ ,  $B=\text{no bus stop}$ ,  $L=4\%$ ,  $R=10\%$ , and  $T=7\%$ ;  $W/2=37$  feet. At least three 12-foot lanes, therefore, are required on the new highway in each direction of travel.

### INTERSECTIONS WITH PARKING PERMITTED

Charts 4 (for downtown areas) and 6 (for intermediate areas) include the adjustments for specific intersection conditions on two-way streets with parking permitted.<sup>5</sup> Basic data are from curves III and IV of chart 1. The adjustments included are those enumerated in item I on pages 88 and 89 of the Manual. Charts 4 and 6 are similar to charts 2 and 3 in form and use, except that a new factor  $Z$ , for correction for bus stops, is introduced.

Chart 5 is a supplement to charts 4 and 6 to derive the adjustment factor for the combined correction for bus-stop condition and parking restriction. This correction is determined separately for near-side, far-side, and no-bus-stop condition. In chart 5A, for the near-side bus-stop condition,  $Z$  is determined directly from the  $R+L$  values. In chart 5B, for the far-side bus-stop condition,  $Z$  is determined from  $D$ ,  $G$ , and  $R+L$  values, used jointly. In chart 5C, for the condition with no bus stops, the same three values are used jointly in a different relation. On determination of the  $Z$  value from chart 5 for the proper condition, use is then made of charts 4 and 6 in the manner previously described for charts 2 and 3.

As in the case of charts 2 and 3, the direct use of charts 4 and 6 applies to the condition where the volume of left-turning vehicles on the approach can be accommodated without requiring a separate signal indication. For simplicity in presentation, examples 9-13 were selected so that this condition is satisfied, although in actual practice a check for the capacity of left-turn movement should always be made when using charts 4 and 6, as later explained in the section on Special Conditions, item 5.

#### Problem 9

Determine the design capacity of one approach on a two-way, 84-foot street, with parking, in a downtown area, on which other conditions at the intersection are as listed at the top of chart 4.

*Solution:* Since the bus stop is on the far side, chart 5B is used: for  $D=155$  feet,  $G=34$  seconds, and  $R+L=22\%$ ,  $Z=17.5$ . Using this and the other conditions listed, the arrows in chart 4 indicate a design capacity  $K$  of 950 v.p.h. on the one approach.

<sup>5</sup> In this article, as in the Manual, parking parallel to the curb is the only type considered. Diagonal parking would obviously have a much different effect on traffic flow.

#### Problem 10

If all of the conditions in problem 9 remain the same except that the bus stop is placed on the near side, and there is no parking restriction on the far side, what will be the design capacity?

*Solution:* In this case chart 5A is used first to obtain (with  $R+L=22\%$ ) a value of  $Z=5.5$ . Then, using chart 4,  $K=860$  v.p.h. Shifting the bus stop from the far to the near side would decrease the capacity by 90 v.p.h.

#### Problem 11

If, in problem 10, the 155-foot parking restriction in advance of the intersection is retained, and all of the conditions remain the same except that the bus stop is completely removed, what will be the design capacity?

*Solution:* Chart 5C must be used, from which a value of  $Z=12$  is obtained. Then, using chart 4,  $K=910$  v.p.h. This is 50 v.p.h. more than with the bus stop on the near side (problem 10), but 40 v.p.h. less than with the bus stop on the far side (problem 9). The reason for the latter difference is that the bus-stop area on the far side (in problem 9) is used to some extent when no bus is standing, by vehicles proceeding through the intersection.

#### Problem 12

If the one approach of a two-way street with parking, in an intermediate area, is 32 feet wide, what is the design capacity when other controlling conditions are as listed at the top of chart 6?

*Solution:* Using chart 5A, with  $R+L=29\%$ ,  $Z=6$ . Then, with the other conditions as listed, the arrows on chart 6 indicate a design capacity  $K$  of 770 v.p.h. on the one approach.

#### Problem 13

As shown in figure 2, an east-west, two-way street in an intermediate area is 52 feet wide and has parking permitted on the north side only. Two lanes are available for moving traffic on both the west and east approaches. The critical condition on the west approach occurs during the evening peak hour and on the east approach during the morning peak hour. What are the design and possible capacities of the two approaches under the conditions indicated? To what extent can capacity be increased on the east approach by eliminating parking for a half-block length ( $D=170$  feet or more) in advance of the intersection?

*Solution:* For the west approach, since there is no parking, chart 3 is applicable and, with the conditions given in figure 2,  $K=640$  v.p.h.

In table 2, for an approach width of 21 feet, no parking, in an intermediate area,  $f=1.4$ ; then  $P=640 \times 1.4=895$  v.p.h.

For the east approach, since there is parking, charts 5 and 6 are applicable. A value of  $Z=6$  is obtained first from chart 5C with  $D=20$  feet or less and with  $R+L=$



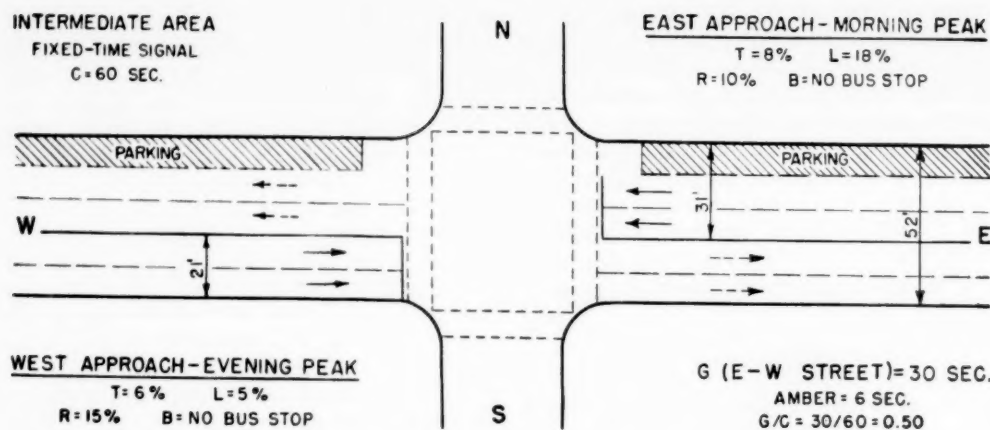


Figure 2.—Illustrative problem 13.

28%. (Since  $D$  is 20 feet or less, enter chart 5C with  $D=20$  and proceed right along the upper scale to  $R+L$ .) Then, in chart 6, using  $W/2=31$  and the other conditions shown in figure 2,  $K=525$  v.p.h.

In table 2, for an approach width of 31 feet, with parking, in an intermediate area,  $f=1.35$ ;  $P=525 \times 1.35=710$  v.p.h.

If parking is eliminated on the east approach for a distance of 170 feet in advance of the cross walk, chart 5C is used with  $D=170$  feet,  $G=30$  seconds, and  $R+L=28\%$ ;  $Z=22$ . Using this in chart 6, with the other conditions as before,  $K=680$  v.p.h. and  $P=680 \times 1.35=920$  v.p.h.

#### INTERSECTIONS WITH SEPARATE TURNING LANES AND NO SEPARATE SIGNAL INDICATION

Charts 7-9 cover intersections with separate turning lanes but with no separate signal indication. Chart 7 is used where there is a right-turn lane, chart 8 where there is a left-turn lane, and chart 9 where there are both right- and left-turn lanes.

These three charts incorporate the adjustments enumerated in item II on page 89 of the Manual. They provide graphic solutions for the design capacity of the separate turning lane and procedures for determination of the design capacity of one approach. Since the lengths of turning lanes are essential dimensions in the determination of capacity, the charts include means for determining such required lengths.

#### With Right-Turn Lane

Chart 7 gives the design capacity and required length of the separate right-turn lane, as well as instructions for obtaining the (total) capacity of the approach, when traffic in all lanes on the approach is permitted to move simultaneously on a common green indication. The following additional terms are introduced in chart 7.

$D_2$  Effective length of right-turn lane, in feet, for the storage of turning vehicles, exclusive of cross walk and taper.

$V_2$  Volume of traffic turning right on one approach, in vehicles per hour.

$T_2$  Trucks and busses turning right, ex-

pressed as a percentage of the total right-turn volume  $V_2$  on one approach.

$M_2$  Design capacity of combined through and left-turn movement, exclusive of the movement on a separate right-turn lane; for use in chart 7 to obtain the (total) capacity of the approach.

$K_2$  Design capacity of the added lane for right-turn movement, in vehicles per hour.

The capacity of a right-turn lane is largely dependent on the proportion of truck traffic  $T_2$  and the  $G/C$  ratio available for movement of traffic in the lane. Charts 7A and 7B show design capacity in terms of these factors. Right-turn lane capacity is also dependent on the radius of the turn, the amount of pedestrian interference, and the length of lane provided. From available data, distinction has been made for two general conditions in regard to radius and pedestrians. Chart 7A represents average curb return (corner radius at edge of pavement) and pedestrian interference, based on an average flow of 600 vehicles per hour of green. For better conditions with an adequate curb return and little or no pedestrian interference, chart 7B is constructed on the basis of an average of 800 vehicles per hour of green. Design capacity as expressed in the charts is 90 percent of these average values. In each case the intersection diagrams above the charts are indicative of the conditions represented.

Another control in capacity of an added turning lane is the length of that lane. If not long enough to store the vehicles that can make the turn on the proper green interval, the capacity otherwise possible cannot be attained. The Manual adjustments, in item II-3 on page 89, include a volume check in terms of  $D_2$ , the length of added turning lane. Chart 7C gives the solution for this length of added lane required to accommodate given volumes for different signal timings. In this form the length can be determined both for capacity volumes and for known smaller turning volumes for a specific condition. Since control values are in terms of passenger vehicles only, the adjustment for percentage of trucks and busses is included.

The required length of added right-turn lane is determined as the distance needed to store the average number of turning vehicles that will accumulate per cycle during the red and amber signals, recognizing the maximum that actually can move on the green signal. A length of 25 feet is used for each passenger vehicle, and 40 feet for each truck or bus.

The sloping lines in the lower part of chart 7C are curved to terminate at the left in logical minimum design values, according to the proportion of trucks and busses in the total traffic:

	feet
None .....	50
10-20 percent .....	65
30 percent or more .....	80

The minimum length of turning lane applies to the full width of turning lane. This full length is not available for use unless preceded by a taper of suitable length. While a taper length of 70 to 100 feet may be considered desirable for normal street conditions, a taper of at least 50 feet (about 5 feet of length per foot of turning lane width) should be provided. This taper is in addition to the minimum length of turning lane shown in chart 7C.

Included on chart 7 are instructions for determining the design capacity of one approach as the sum of separate values for the capacity of the through and left-turn lanes and that of the right-turn lane. Since the through-lane capacity is dependent upon the turning movements involved, the capacity for the whole is determined for a particular condition of turning movements. This value differs from a capacity sum of left plus through plus right in that it includes adjustment for any one of the three parts being at capacity while the other two are below capacity.

Since  $R$  and  $L$  are defined as percentages of the total approach volume, a simple proportion calculation is needed in step 3 of the instructions to find a right-turn volume  $V_2$  on the arithmetic basis of through plus left. When  $V_2$  is less than the right-turn lane capacity  $K_2$ , the design capacity is the sum of the values found in steps 1 and 3. If  $V_2$  exceeds  $K_2$ , it is necessary to determine an adjusted volume for the combined through and left movement  $M'$ , based on the controlling value of the right-turn lane capacity as indicated in step 5. The formula shown is derived from the formula in step 3, with  $K_2$  substituted for  $V_2$ . The design capacity of the approach, then, is the sum of the adjusted through-plus-left volume and the right-turn lane capacity.

The steps enumerated in chart 7 for design capacity of one approach are for the condition where each of the movements involved—left, through, and right—does not exceed the design capacity. Actually, a perfect balance between these three movements will seldom, if ever, exist. It is likely that one or both of the turning movements may exceed the design capacity value

and may have to operate at or near possible capacity. In such cases, the value of  $K_1$  in step 5 may be used as greater than design capacity, up to a maximum of the possible capacity. (This also applies to charts 8, 9, and 10.)

### With Left-Turn Lane

Chart 8 gives the design capacity and the length of the separate left-turn lane, as well as instructions for obtaining the (total) capacity of the approach, and is similar in form to chart 7. Additional terms introduced are as follows:

$D_1$  Effective length of left-turn lane, in feet, for the storage of turning vehicles, exclusive of cross walk and taper.

$V_1$  Volume of traffic turning left on one approach, in vehicles per hour.

$T_1$  Trucks and busses turning left, expressed as a percentage of the total left-turn volume  $V_1$ , on one approach.

$V_0$  Volume of through traffic on the opposite approach, in vehicles per hour, that is in direct conflict, during the same period of time, with the left-turning movement on the approach in question.

$T_0$  Trucks and busses, expressed as a percentage of the total through volume  $V_0$  on the opposite approach.

$M_1$  Design capacity of a combined through and right-turn movement, exclusive of the movement on a separate left-turn lane; for use in chart 8 in obtaining the (total) capacity of the approach.

$K_1$  Design capacity of the added lane for left-turn movement, in vehicles per hour.

The capacity of a left-turn lane is determined primarily by the volume of traffic opposing the left turn during the green signal indication. Normally, on major streets in downtown areas and on wide major streets in intermediate areas, it seldom will be possible for more than two vehicles to turn left per cycle (such turns usually have to be made on the amber signal). Using design capacity of turning lanes as 80 percent of possible capacity, the design capacity of a left-turn lane is, then, 1.6 vehicles per cycle. Chart 8B gives this relation in terms of vehicles per hour as dependent upon the length of cycle.

On some streets, where the opposing through volume is relatively light, the capacity of a left-turn lane may be much greater than indicated above. For such a condition the average capacity of a left-turn lane per hour of green is estimated as the difference between 1,200 (item II-3-b, p. 89 of the Manual) and  $V_0$ , both figures expressed in terms of passenger vehicles. Design capacity is 90 percent of this difference. Chart 8A provides a solution for this condition, being the relation between  $V_0$ ,  $G/C$ , and design capacity  $K_1$ . To express the capacity in terms of vehicles of all types, factors for the percentage of trucks and busses in the opposing through movement  $T_0$  and that in the left-turn movement  $T_1$  are applied. To determine

the capacity of a left-turn lane,  $K_1$  should be found on both charts 8A and 8B, and the larger of the two values used. In most cases on major streets, the values from chart 8B will govern.

Because of the interference of opposing through traffic, left-turning vehicles generally are delayed for longer periods of time than right-turning vehicles. The required green time per vehicle to make the turn is greater and the left-turn lane capacity is less than that for a right-turn lane. Moreover, when drivers not in the added left-turn lane await an opportunity to turn, those going right generally offer little interference to through traffic but those going left often block a through lane. Thus, within capacity conditions, a longer added lane for left turns is needed for a given volume than for an added lane for right turns of the same volume. Figure 8C shows required lengths of left-turn lanes based on storage space for 1.5 times the average number of turning vehicles that will accumulate per cycle. This is an assumed factor (50 percent increase over right-turn requirements).

### With Both Right- and Left-Turn Lanes

Where lanes are added for both right and left turns, the determination of design capacity of an approach is made by steps as shown in chart 9. Design capacities of the added lanes,  $K_2$  and  $K_3$ , are determined from charts 7 and 8 and, depending upon actual turning volumes involved, adjustments are made to find the proper through capacity  $M_1$ .  $M_1$  is the design capacity of the lanes for through movement, exclusive of the movements on separate right- and left-turn lanes, for use in chart 9 to obtain the (total) capacity of the approach. Step 2 determines the through capacity from charts 2 or 3. In step 4 the through capacity, thus determined, is added to the turning volumes calculated in step 3. Step 5 adjusts for the through volume when one of the turning volumes exceeds design capacity, the basis being the same as described for chart 7. If both turning movements exceed design capacity, a separate step 5 solution should be made for each and the smaller of the two values obtained will govern the design capacity of the approach. Step 6 derives  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  from charts 7 and 8.

These six steps are for the determination of design capacity of one approach for the condition when no movement exceeds design capacity. Sometimes the traffic load may be such that the through movement can be accommodated at design capacity  $M_1$  as determined in step 2, but the proportional volumes  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , as found in step 3, exceed the design capacities  $K_1$  and  $K_2$ . In such a case it would be necessary to permit the turning movements to operate at above design capacity but not to exceed the possible capacity of each. Thus, the capacity of the approach may be equal to  $M_1 + V_2$

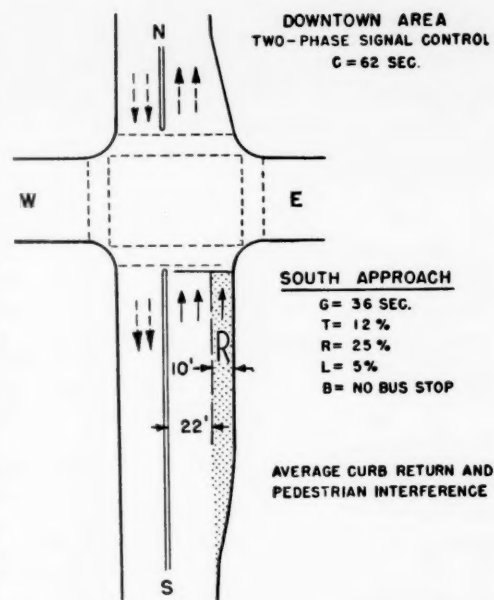


Figure 3.—Illustrative problem 14.

(not to exceed  $1.2 K_2$ ) +  $V_1$  (not to exceed  $1.2 K_3$ ).

Problems 14-17, which follow, are illustrative of the uses of charts 7, 8, and 9.

### Problem 14

What is the design capacity of the south approach for the conditions indicated in figure 3? What should be the length of the right-turn lane?

**Solution:** The percentage that the right-turning trucks are of the right-turn volume is not given, so  $T_2$  is assumed to be the same as  $T$ , or 12%. Using  $G/C = 36/62 = 0.58$  and  $T_2 = 12\%$ , from chart 7A  $K_2 = 305$  v.p.h.

From chart 2, using  $W/2 = 22$ ,  $T = 12\%$ ,  $R = 0\%$ ,  $L = 5\%$ ,  $B = \text{no bus stop}$ , and  $G/C = 0.58$ , the design capacity of combined through and left-turn movement  $M_2$  ( $K$  on chart 2) = 830 v.p.h. (see step 2 in chart 7).

On this basis, (from step 3, chart 7) the right-turn volume  $V_2 = (830 \times 25) \div (100 - 25) = 275$  v.p.h.

Since this is less than  $K_2$ , the design capacity of the south approach  $K = 830 + 275 = 1,105$  v.p.h. (step 4 in chart 7).

The length of right-turn lane required,  $D_2$  from chart 7C, using  $V_2 = 275$  v.p.h.,  $C = 62$  seconds, and  $T_2 = 10$  to 20%, is 160 feet.

### Problem 15

Determine the length of green interval required to handle the traffic at design capacity on the east approach of the intersection shown in figure 4.

**Solution:** Signal timing based on a combined volume of through and right-turn movement is obtained from chart 3 using  $W/2 = 20$ ,  $T = (15 + 40) \div (175 + 505) = 8\%$ ,  $R = 175 \div 930 = 19\%$ ,  $L = 0\%$  (since left turn is on separate lane),  $B = \text{no bus stop}$ , and approach volume =  $175 + 505 = 680$  v.p.h.;  $G/C = 0.57$ .

Then check, in charts 8A and 8B, the capacity of the left-turn lane with this signal timing. Entering chart 8A with



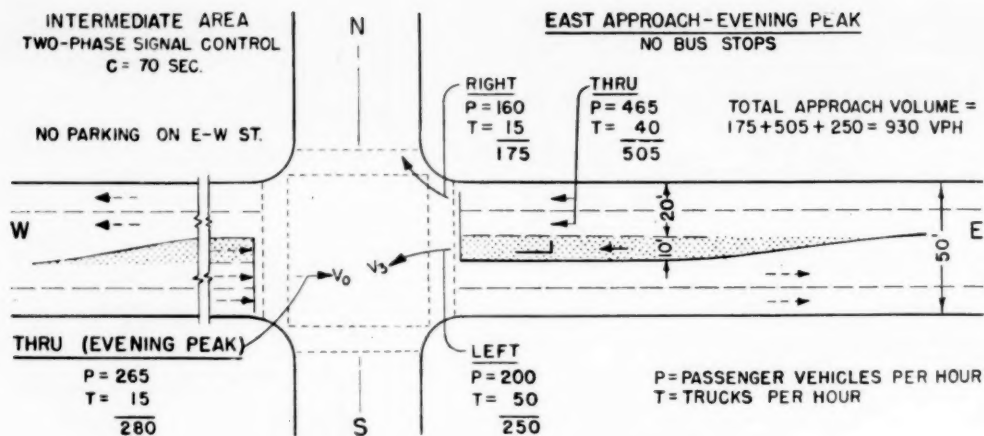


Figure 4.—Illustrative problems 15 and 16.

$V_0=280$  v.p.h. and proceeding to right and bottom with  $T_0=15 \div 280=5\%$ ,  $G/C=0.57$ , and  $T_3=50 \div 250=20\%$  (see arrows), the design capacity of the left-turn lane is  $K_3=280$  v.p.h. Chart 8A governs since in this case the value of 82 from chart 8B is much less. Thus, the indicated left-turning volume of 250 v.p.h. can be accommodated.

Therefore, for the east approach an adequate green interval  $G=0.57 \times 70=40$  seconds.

The required length of the left-turn lane to handle a volume of 250 v.p.h. is obtained from chart 8C. Using  $C=70$  seconds and  $T_3=20\%$ ,  $D_3=205$  feet.

#### Problem 16

If in problem 15 the  $G/C$  ratio of 0.57 is retained and other conditions (fig. 4) remain the same except that parking is permitted and a bus stop is placed on the near side, what will be the design capacity and possible capacity of the east approach?

**Solution:** The capacity of the combined through and right-turn movement is obtained from charts 5 and 6. Using chart 5A first, with  $R+L=19+0=19\%$  ( $L$  used as 0% since it is on separate lane),  $Z=5$  is obtained. Chart 6 is then used according to instructions in step 2 of chart 8. With  $W/2=20$ ,  $T=8\%$ ,  $R=19\%$ ,  $L=0\%$ ,  $Z=5$ , and  $G/C=0.57$ , design capacity (exclusive of left turn)  $M_2$  is found to be 380 v.p.h.

Left-turn movement  $L$ , according to the traffic distribution shown in figure 4, is  $250 \div 930=27\%$ . The left-turn volume  $V_3$  on the basis of  $M_2$  is  $(380 \times 27) \div (100-27)=140$  v.p.h. (see step 3 in chart 8).

Design capacity of east approach  $=380+140=520$  v.p.h. With no parking and no bus stop (problem 15), design capacity is the sum of volumes indicated in figure 4, or  $175+505+250=930$  v.p.h.

In table 2, for  $W/2=20$ , with parking, in an intermediate area,  $f=1.6$ . Possible capacity of combined through and right-turn movement  $=M_2 \times 1.6 = 380 \times 1.6 = 610$  v.p.h. Corresponding left-turn volume (from the formula in step 3, chart 8)  $= (610 \times 27) \div (100-27)=225$  v.p.h., which can be handled since  $K_3=280$  v.p.h. (as determined in problem 15).

Possible capacity of east approach  $=610+225=835$  v.p.h.

#### Problem 17

What is the design capacity of the east approach shown in figure 5? A large lumber mill to the north on the cross road accounts for the sizable proportion of vehicles and the high percentage of trucks turning right.

**Solution:** From chart 7B,  $K_3=280$  v.p.h. Since chart 8B generally governs the capacity of the left turn on major multilane streets, it is used initially, obtaining  $K_3=95$  v.p.h.

According to step 2 in chart 9, chart 3 is used, with  $W/2=22$ ,  $T=6\%$ ,  $R=0\%$ ,  $L=0\%$ ,  $B=\text{far-side bus stop}$ , and  $G/C=30/60=0.50$ ;  $M_1$  is 610 v.p.h.

On this basis,  $V_2=(610 \times 32) \div (100-32-8)=325$  v.p.h., and  $V_4=(610 \times 8) \div (100-32-8)=80$  v.p.h. (see step 3 in chart 9). Thus  $V_2$  is larger than  $K_2$  and, in order that no movement shall exceed the design capacity, it is necessary to recalculate  $M_1$  as shown in step 5 of chart 9:  $M'_1=280 (100-32-8) \div 32=525$  v.p.h.; then left-turn volume  $V'_3=(525 \times 8) \div (100-32-8)=70$  v.p.h., which can be handled since it is less than  $K_3$ .

Design capacity of the east approach (when no individual movement exceeds its design capacity)  $=525+280+70=875$  v.p.h.

Required lengths of turning lanes are:

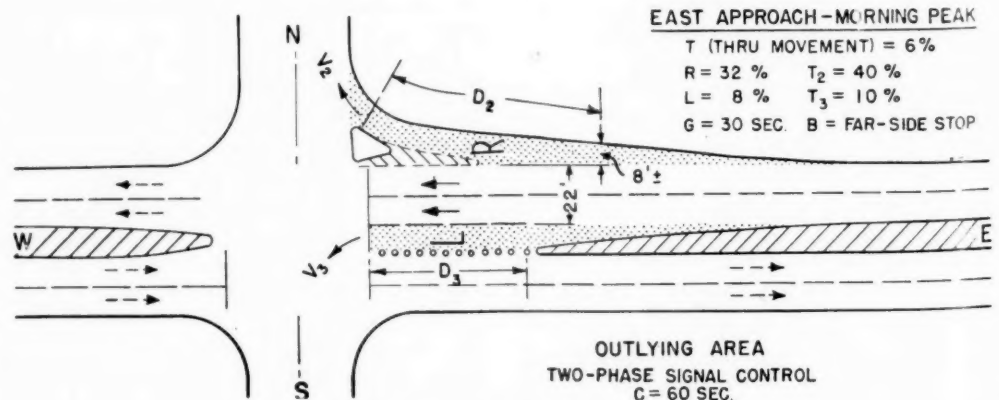


Figure 5.—Illustrative problem 17.

from chart 7C,  $D_2=165$  feet; from chart 8C,  $D_3=70$  feet.

In the event that a through volume of about 610 v.p.h. (as determined initially) had to be accommodated and other conditions could not be altered, the 325 right-turning vehicles could still be handled but at near possible capacity, since possible capacity of the right-turn lane would be  $1.2 K_2$ , or  $1.2 \times 280=335$  v.p.h. (see note in chart 9).

The capacity of the east approach, with the through movement operating at design capacity and the right-turn movement at near possible capacity,  $=M_1+V_2+V_3=610+325+80=1,015$  v.p.h.

#### INTERSECTIONS WITH SEPARATE TURNING LANES AND SEPARATE SIGNAL INDICATION

Chart 10, which is similar to charts 7, 8, and 9, gives the design capacity and the required length of right- or left-turn lane, when traffic on this lane moves on a green indication separate from that for other traffic on the approach; i. e., a right- or left-arrow indication for the turning movement.

Additional terms introduced in chart 10 are as follows:

$G'$  Green interval, in seconds, of separate signal indication for the movement of traffic on a separate turning lane.

$a$  Width of turning lane, in feet, for the movement of traffic on a separate signal indication.

With a separate signal indication, the right- or left-turn movement is assumed to be free from interference of other traffic streams and pedestrian movements. The average capacity of the turning lane is 800 vehicles per hour of separate green indication (item III, p. 89 of the Manual) for a lane 10 feet wide, and varies directly with the lane width. Design capacity is 90 percent of this value. Chart 10A gives a solution for this capacity in terms of  $G'/C$  and the width of lane  $a$ . Since the control values are in terms of passenger vehicles, an adjustment for the percentage of trucks and busses turning ( $T_2$  or  $T_3$ ) is included. The design capacity of the turning lane is the same whether the movement is to the right



or to the left and whether the lane is within the normal pavement width or is an added lane.

Chart 10B provides the solution for the required length of turning lane, identical with chart 8C. In the case of separate signal indication there is no opposing traffic, as in chart 8C, but otherwise the conditions are comparable. Usually the separate signal phase is green while other through movements are stopped, and the storage lane must be long enough to prevent blocking of a through lane. This calls for a space greater than that needed to store the average number of vehicles arriving per cycle, since the number arriving on some cycle intervals will be in excess of the average. Accordingly, a length to store 1.5 times the average number of vehicles per cycle is used. This is an assumed factor (50 percent increase over normal requirements).

The procedure for determining design capacity of one approach is the same as that previously explained for charts 7 and 8. For clarity in the terms and charts, the steps are shown separately for right-turn and left-turn lanes.

Problems 18 and 19 demonstrate the use of chart 10.

#### Problem 18

What is the design capacity of a right-turn lane, 11 feet wide, for which a separate green indication of 20 seconds is used out of a 90-second cycle, and on which trucks and busses comprise 15 percent of the total right-turning traffic? What should be its length if a volume equivalent to design capacity is to be accommodated?

**Solution:** From chart 10A, using  $G'/C = 20/90 = 0.22$ ,  $a = 11$ , and  $T_2 = 15\%$  (see arrows);  $K_2 = 165$  v.p.h. From chart 10B, using  $V_2 = 165$  v.p.h.,  $C = 90$ , and  $T_2 = 10$  to 20%;  $D_2 = 175$  feet.

#### Problem 19

What should be the green interval for each phase on the east approach of the intersection shown in figure 6 for operation at design capacity, if a total approach volume of 650 v.p.h. is to be accommodated? What will be the green interval for the movement of traffic on the cross street?

**Solution:** Volume of left-turning traffic is 20 percent of  $650 = 130$  v.p.h. The volume of through and right-turn movements to be accommodated on a width of 22 feet is  $650 - 130 = 520$  v.p.h. The proportion of green time required for this movement, from chart 2, with  $W/2 = 22$ ,  $T = 11\%$ ,  $R = 12\%$ ,  $L = 0\%$ ,  $B = \text{far-side stop}$ , and  $K = 520$ , is  $G/C = 0.40$ .  $G = 80 \times 0.40 = 32$  seconds.

The proportion of green time required for the separate phase of left-turn lane is obtained from chart 10A. Using a volume of 130 v.p.h.,  $T_2 = 15\%$ , and  $a = 12$  feet, obtain  $G'/C = 0.17$ . Hence  $G' = 80 \times 0.17 = 14$  seconds.

Green time available for movement of traffic on the cross street is  $80 - 32 - 14 - 9$  (for amber) = 25 seconds.

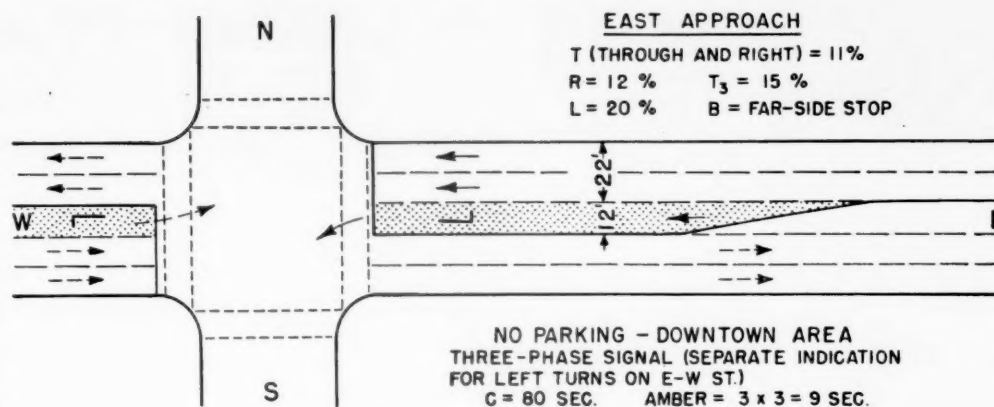


Figure 6.—Illustrative problem 19.

### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Charts 1-10 cover the general conditions found at four-way intersections under traffic-signal control. In addition there are numerous other conditions, the majority of which are discussed in the Manual as further adjustments. For each of these special conditions the chart procedure involves a series of steps or a special instruction to be followed.

#### 1. High Volume of Stopping Busses, With No Parking on Approach

Where either a near- or far-side bus stop is provided, and where there is a high volume of stopping busses, i. e., at least one bus loading or unloading at all times (one or two stopping to load and unload per cycle in one direction of travel), use chart 2 or 3 in the normal manner, except:

(a) Enter chart with  $W/2$  equal to actual approach width minus 12 feet.

(b) Use  $T$  as a percentage of trucks only, exclusive of stopping busses.

(c) Use line  $B_x$  for bus-stop condition.

(d) To the design capacity obtained from the chart, add the number of stopping busses per hour in one direction to determine total design capacity.

#### Problem 20

If, in problem 4 (p. 108), all of the conditions remain the same except that 90 busses stop during the peak hour on the one approach and the percentage of trucks alone is 5 percent, what will be the design capacity?

**Solution:** Using chart 2, with  $W/2 = 32 - 12 = 20$ ,  $T = 5\%$ , bus-stop condition line  $B_x$ ,  $R = 7\%$ ,  $L = 15\%$ , and  $G/C = 0.45$ , a value of 510 v.p.h. is obtained. Total  $K = 510 + 90 = 600$  v.p.h. in one direction.

#### 2. High Volume of Stopping Busses, With Parking on Approach

Where either a near-side or far-side bus stop is provided and where there is a high volume of stopping busses as described in item 1 above, use charts 4 or 6 in the normal manner, except:

(a) Enter chart with  $W/2$  equal to actual approach width minus 6 feet.

(b) Use  $T$  as percentage of trucks exclusive of stopping busses.

(c) Use line  $B_y$  for bus-stop condition. Do not use chart 5.

(d) Obtain result, but add to this the number of stopping busses per hour in one direction to determine total design capacity.

#### Problem 21

If, in problem 9 (p. 109), all of the conditions remain the same except that 80 busses stop during the peak hour on the one approach, and the percentage of trucks alone is 4 percent, what will be the design capacity? What will be the possible capacity of this approach?

**Solution:** Using chart 4, with  $W/2 = 42 - 6 = 36$ ,  $T = 4\%$ , bus-stop condition line  $B_y$ ,  $R = 15\%$ ,  $L = 7\%$ , and  $G/C = 0.52$ , a value of 700 v.p.h. is obtained. Total  $K = 700 + 80 = 780$  v.p.h. in one direction.

From table 2,  $f = 1.2$ .  $P = (700 \times 1.2) + 80 = 920$  v.p.h. in one direction.

#### 3. Widened Intersections, with No Parking

Where the pavement approach is widened in advance of the intersection for a distance in feet equal to or greater than five times the green interval in seconds ( $5G$ ), and the same pavement widening is continued beyond the intersection for a distance in feet equal to  $5G$  or more: Enter chart 2 or 3 with  $W/2$  equal to total width of one approach including the widening on that approach; then use the chart in normal manner.

#### Problem 22

What is the design capacity of the south approach, widened through the intersection, as shown in figure 7?

**Solution:** Since the length of widening in advance of and beyond the intersection is greater than  $5G$  ( $5 \times 28 = 140$  feet), the full width of approach,  $21 + 11 = 32$  feet, is used to determine the capacity.

Using chart 3, for the conditions given, design capacity of south approach = 625 v.p.h.

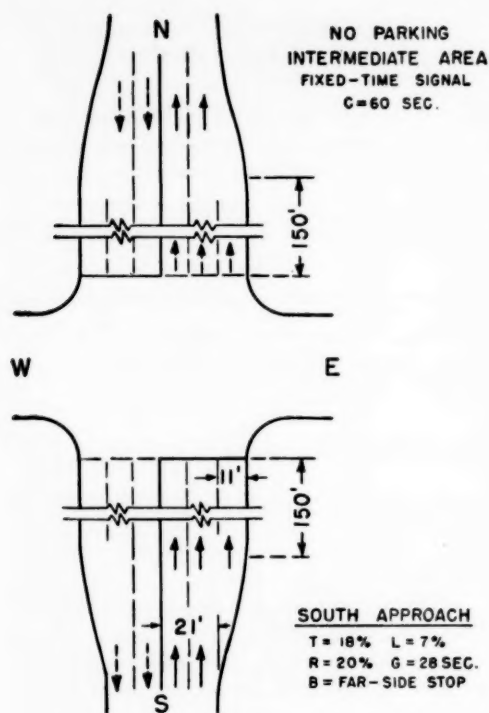


Figure 7.—Illustrative problem 22.

#### 4. Elimination of Parking at Intersections

Where parking on a street is eliminated in advance of the intersection for a distance in feet equal to or greater than  $5G$  and parking is also eliminated beyond the intersection for a distance equal to or greater than  $5G$ : Use chart 2 or 3, instead of chart 4, 5, or 6, as if there were no parking on the street.

#### Problem 23

To improve operation at a major intersection in a downtown area on a 42-foot street on which parking is permitted, it was decided to remove the bus stops and to prohibit parking for an effective distance in advance of and beyond this intersection. Other conditions on one approach are  $T=15\%$ ,  $R=20\%$ ,  $L=10\%$ ,  $G=30$  seconds, and  $C=60$  seconds. Determine design capacity and possible capacity of one approach.

**Solution:** To be fully effective, parking must be eliminated on each side of the intersection for a distance of at least  $5G$  or 150 feet.

From chart 2, using  $W/2=21$  and other conditions as listed,  $K=570$  v.p.h.  $P=570 \times 1.4$  (from table 2) = 800 v.p.h.

#### 5. Check for Capacity of Left Turn

Any intersection approach on a two-way street that does not involve a separate left-turn lane should be checked for capacity of the left-turn movement. This may be done in the same manner as for a separate left-turn lane, since the number of left-turning vehicles that can be accommodated with two-phase control, whether on a separate lane or not, is governed either by the

volume of traffic opposing the left turn or by the length of cycle. Charts 8A and 8B should be used for such a check, which should be made for every intersection involving two-way streets. If the volume of left-turning vehicles exceeds the possible capacity as determined in charts 8A and 8B, serious congestion may result and the overall capacity of the approach may be materially reduced. In such cases, the left-turn movement should be prohibited or, if feasible, accommodated on a separate signal indication.

#### Problem 24

Check whether the left-turn volume in problem 6 (page 109) can be handled satisfactorily.

**Solution:** Left-turn volume is 5% of 1,200, or 60 v.p.h. For the conditions given, it is found in chart 8B that 82 v.p.h. can be accommodated at design capacity; therefore, the solution in example 6 is satisfactory.

#### 6. Special Treatment of Turning Movements

On the intersection approach of a two-way facility where the right-turn path is reasonably direct, and pedestrian interference is minor, the right-turn movement may be considered as part of the through movement; in which case,  $R=0\%$  would be used in the chart solution.

On the intersection approach of a one-way facility where the turning conditions are as described above, either the right- or left-turn movement, or both, may be considered as part of the through movement. Such conditions are likely to occur at high-type, channelized intersections.

#### 7. Capacity Controlled by Intersection Exit

Generally the capacity of the approaches controls the capacity of the intersection. At some locations, however, where all pavements of the intersection legs are not of the same width or where traffic backs up from an adjacent intersection, the capacity of the intersection may be dependent upon the exit lanes. The capacity of the exit pavement may be estimated as follows:

**No parking on exit.**—Enter chart 2 or 3 with  $W/2$  equal to the width of exit pavement; proceed through chart in normal manner, but use  $T$ =percentage of trucks in through movement only,  $R=0\%$ ,  $L=0\%$ ,  $B$ =no bus stop (except where bus stop is on the far side, use  $B$ =far-side stop), and  $G/C$  equivalent to that used on the approach.

**With parking on exit.**—Enter chart 4 or 6 with  $W/2$  equal to the width of exit pavement (including the parking width); proceed through chart in normal manner, but use  $T$ =percentage of trucks in through movement only,  $R=0\%$ ,  $L=0\%$ ,  $Z=0$ , and  $G/C$  equivalent to that used on the approach.

#### 8. T or Y Intersections

The capacity of the approach on an intercepted street at T or Y intersection on (east approach in figure 8) may be obtained from charts 2-6, as follows: Use the charts in normal manner except that the left-turn movement is considered to be the through movement, since it is equivalent to the through movement on a crossing (the only difference being the curved path), which makes  $L=0\%$ . If parking is permitted on the intercepted approach, use supplemental charts 5A and 5C, but  $R+L$  is always equal to  $R$  only, because  $L=0$ .

#### Problem 25

What is the design capacity of the intercepted street (east approach), from which traffic can turn only right and left into the north-south street, for the conditions indicated in figure 8?

**Solution:** In chart 2, using  $W/2=20$ ,  $T=10\%$ ,  $R=40\%$ ,  $L=0\%$ ,  $B$ =no bus stop, and  $G/C=0.40$ ,  $K=460$  v.p.h. is obtained. This is the combined volume turning right and left into the north-south street.

#### 9. Multiple-Type Intersections

The capacity of any form of signalized intersection, regardless of the number of approach roads and extent of channelization, can be obtained from the charts by examining each approach road separately. The design of complex intersections, particularly those requiring multiphase control, may necessitate some study and trial solutions before determining the final plan. Multiple intersections often present several possibilities in the pattern of operation and in the number and arrangement of signal phases. Such alternate arrangements are apt to result in different geometric layouts, thus affecting the size, shape, and location of islands, widths of pavements, size of storage areas, and over-all space requirements for the intersection. The geometric layout should be determined jointly with capacity analyses. Care should be taken

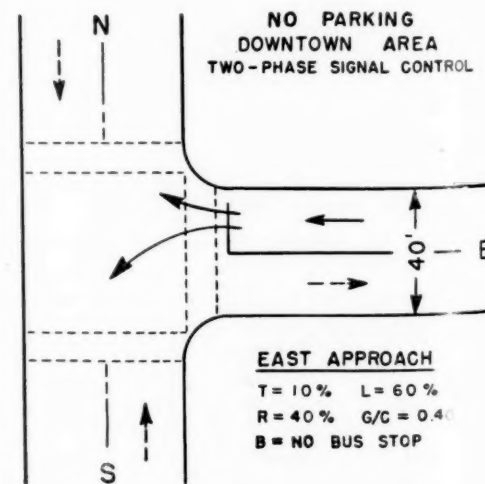


Figure 8.—Illustrative problem 25.

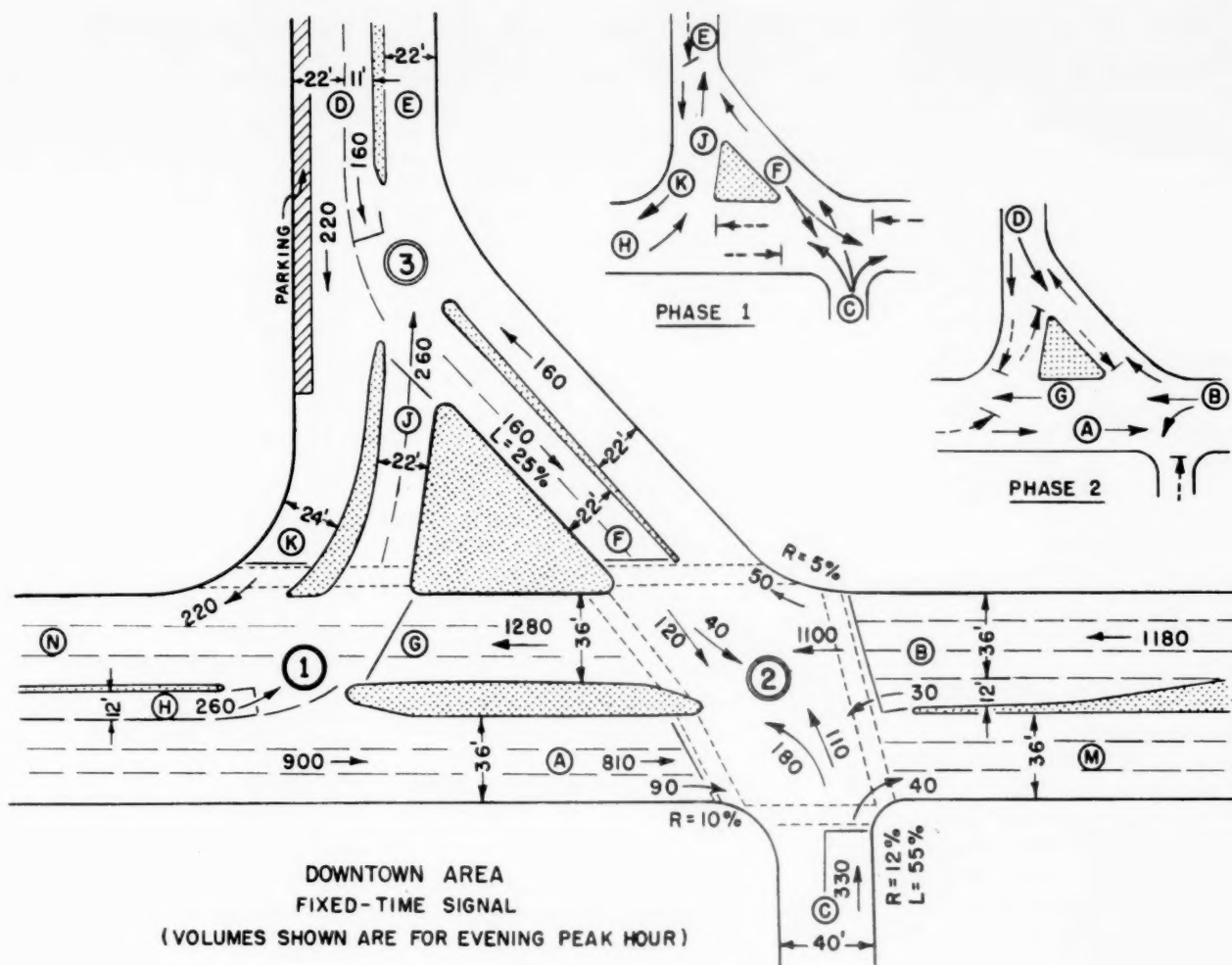


Figure 9.—Illustrative problem 26.

to check the length and width of those traffic channels where vehicles will store during certain signal phases to preclude the condition of traffic backing up from one intersection point to another. The alternate solutions will show differences in capacity, and in operational and economic advantages, from which the most feasible plan may be determined.

#### Problem 26

In figure 9 is shown a plan of a multiple intersection, selected from a study in which several layouts were examined. The problem is to check the arrangement for operation at or near design capacity and to determine the signal timing, using a 60-second cycle, for the two-phase control indicated at the upper right of figure 9. There are no bus stops, and  $T$  is assumed to be 15 percent on all movements.

In order that the exit lanes (due to stored vehicles) do not limit the capacity of approaches, a lagging green indication in several instances is considered necessary, as demonstrated below.

#### Movement H to E—phase 1

**Approach H:** From chart 10A, required  $G/C=0.32$ , and  $G=60 \times 0.32=19$  seconds. From chart 10B, required length of left-turn lane is 180 feet.

**Approach J:** To prevent an excessive number of vehicles from storing at J and thereby limiting the capacity of this movement at H, a green indication at intersection 3 to lag behind that at intersection 1 is introduced. For a distance of 140 feet from H to J and an assumed speed of 15 m.p.h. (20 feet per second), the green lag  $=140/20=7$  seconds. This will preclude the storage of but a few vehicles at J. Thus, for approach J,  $G=19+7=25$  seconds, and  $G/C=0.42$ .

#### Approach K—phase 1

Although there is parking about 70 feet in back of the stop line, it is not likely to have any effect on the capacity of the 24-foot pavement at intersection 1 due to the variable width involved. Moreover, since all traffic turns right on a rather direct path, the movement is considered to be a through movement without turns (see Special Condition, item 6). In chart 2, for  $W/2=24$ , no turns, etc., and  $G/C=0.32$ , (same as at H), design capacity  $=520$  v.p.h., which is more than adequate for the load.

#### Approach G—phase 2

Using a 3-second amber period with each phase, the available green time per cycle is  $60-19-6=35$  seconds, or  $G/C=0.58$ . From chart 2, design capacity  $=1,370$  v.p.h., which is adequate since the load is 1,280 v.p.h.

#### Approach B—phase 2

During phase 1, approach G should be left clear, or nearly so, of vehicles from B to make room for the storage of movement C to G. During phase 2, this is accomplished by a lagging green at intersection 1 beyond that at intersection 2. For an assumed speed of about 20 m.p.h. (30 feet per second) and a distance of 200 feet, the lag is 7 seconds. Thus the green interval for approach B is  $35-7=28$  seconds, or  $G/C=0.47$ .

**Through and right-turn movement:** From chart 2, design capacity  $=1,100$  v.p.h. This is satisfactory since the load,  $1,100+50=1,150$  v.p.h., is only slightly above design capacity.

**Left-turn movement:** From chart 8B, design capacity of left-turn lane is about 95 v.p.h.; left-turn volume is 30 v.p.h. Required length of left-turn lane for this volume, from chart 8C, is 65 feet.

#### Approach A—phase 2

From chart 2, for a width of 36 feet and  $G/C=0.47$ , (same as at B), design capacity  $=1,070$  v.p.h.; traffic load  $=900$  v.p.h.

#### Approach C—phase 1

Available green time per cycle is  $60-28-6=26$  seconds, or  $G/C=0.43$ . It is first necessary to check the capacity of left turn in accordance with Special Conditions, item



5. From chart 8A, using  $V_0=120$  v.p.h.,  $T_0=15\%$ ,  $G/C=0.43$ , and  $T_0=15\%$ , capacity of left turn is found to be 280 v.p.h., compared to a volume of 180 v.p.h. The capacity of the approach, as a whole, is obtained from chart 2. Since  $L+(R/2)$  is greater than 35,  $R=10\%$  and  $L=30\%$  are used in the solution (see single-asterisk note in chart 2); and for the 20-foot approach, design capacity=370 v.p.h.; traffic load=330 v.p.h.

Storage space occupied by movement C to G on approach G during phase 1 may be obtained from chart 10B. For a volume of 180 v.p.h., the length required for storage, if in a single lane, is 135 feet.<sup>6</sup> In three lanes the length occupied would be about 45 feet. Available length on approach G is approximately 100 feet.

#### Approach F—phase 1

As above,  $G/C=0.43$ . The left-turn volume obviously can be handled. From chart 2, for an approach width of 22 feet, design capacity = 480 v.p.h. Since this is much in excess of the traffic load, the green interval on this approach could be decreased to give, in effect, a short advance green to movement C to G.

Length of storage on the two lanes of approach F for a volume of 160 v.p.h., from chart 10B, is  $115 \div 2$ , or about 60 feet.<sup>6</sup> Available length is approximately 120 feet. This leaves sufficient space ahead of the stop line at D to consider the exit from approach D unimpeded in regard to capacity.

Separate design capacity charts for one-way streets could have been developed but because of the definite relation between the capacity of two-way and one-way streets, this was considered unnecessary. Instead, a procedure is given for evaluation of intersection capacities of one-way streets by use of the charts for two-way streets.

#### DESIGN CAPACITY FACTORS

The basic data for intersection capacities of one-way streets, expressed in terms of average maximum volumes, are shown in figure 10.<sup>7</sup> This chart gives the same type of information for one-way streets as figure 1 for two-way streets. Since the same average conditions are represented in both, a definite relation can be established for the four upper curves of figure 10 and the comparable curves of figure 1. Thus, a series of factors to convert the maximum volumes accommodated by one approach on two-way

<sup>6</sup> Storage space from chart 10B is based on 1.5 times the average number of vehicles storing per cycle. Actually the maximum that may be stored can be as high as two times the average number per cycle. Thus, where feasible, the length of such storage area should be predicated on chart 12E. In this problem, however, the space is adequate on either basis.

<sup>7</sup> Figure 26, p. 84 of the Manual.

#### Approach D—phase 2

Movement D to K flows freely at all times. The green interval for left-turn movement D to F is  $60-25-6=29$  seconds (25 seconds is the green interval on approach J, previously determined), and  $G'/C=0.48$ . From chart 10A, design capacity of movement D to F is about 350 v.p.h. Since this is much in excess of the volume, the lagging green on approach J, phase 1, could be increased. Required length of left-turn lane, from chart 10B, is 120 feet.

#### Exit E—phase 1

Since exit E receives traffic from J and C simultaneously, the capacity of this combined movement should be checked as controlled by the exit (see Special Conditions, item 7). Total volume during phase 1 is  $260+110=370$  v.p.h. From chart 2, using  $W/2=22$ , no turns, etc., and  $G/C=0.42$ , design capacity of exit=620 v.p.h.

According to the above analysis, the intersection design is found to be satisfactory for operation during the evening peak hour. A similar capacity check should be made for the morning peak hour, which may show a different signal timing or a need for some modification in the geometric layout. Length of turning lanes and other storage areas would be based on the larger of the two values determined for the morning and evening peaks.

#### 10. Interpolation in Charts

Where the intersection is in an area having characteristics between those of a down-

town and an intermediate area, interpolation is made between the capacity values of charts 2 and 3, or charts 4 and 6.

Where the characteristics of the intersecting facility are between those of a street and an expressway, capacity values can be interpolated between those of charts for streets and those for expressways.

#### 11. Use of City or Local Factor

In localities where driver characteristics, or other conditions, are believed to be different from those represented by the basic data in the Manual, a further adjustment to the Manual or chart values may be applicable. This adjustment can be expressed as a "city factor," established by relating actual hourly volumes measured at existing intersections loaded to their possible capacity (continual backlog of waiting vehicles on the approach during one hour), to the possible capacity, for comparable conditions, obtained from the Manual (1.10 times the value given in figure 24 therein and adjusted as necessary for specific conditions). Such field measurements should include a sufficient number and type of intersections to be representative for the city or locality as a whole. The ratio of measured possible capacities to those calculated by the Manual methods gives the "city factor." The numerical value of this factor may be a constant for all intersection approach conditions, or it may vary with the type of area and parking regulation.

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streets to the maximum volumes on one-way streets can be obtained by making a ratio, for comparable conditions, of the volumes in figure 10 to the volumes in figure 1. For example, in figure 10, for an approach (one-way street) width of 34 feet, in an intermediate area, with no parking, a volume of 2,500 vehicles per hour of green is given; in figure 1 for the same approach width (68-foot two-way street) under the same conditions, a volume of 2,000 vehicles per hour of green is given. The conversion factor thus is  $2,500/2,000=1.25$ .

Table 3 shows these conversion factors,  $i$ , for the range of approach widths up to 50 feet. It is to be emphasized that the parking on a one-way street represents parking on one side only. This condition is comparable to one approach of a two-way street, and so permits use of the two-way capacity charts. To find the design capacity of an approach on the one-way street, use charts 1-6, with  $W/2$  equal to the whole width of the one-way street; then multiply the given  $K$  by appropriate  $i$  in table 3. Design capacities and required lengths of separate turning lanes on one-way streets are the same as those on two-way streets, for which charts 7-10 are used.

When parking exists on both sides of a one-way street the operating conditions are not similar and the two-way values and adjustments cannot be used. In such cases reference should be made to item IV on page 90 of the Manual for adjustments to the values in figure 10. It will be noted that the values in figure 10, for a given width of street, show one-way street capacity with parking on both sides to be about 70-75 percent of that with parking on one side in downtown areas, and about 80-85 percent in intermediate areas.

#### RELATION OF DESIGN CAPACITY TO POSSIBLE CAPACITY

The relation between design and possible capacities developed for two-way streets also is applicable to one-way streets. The factors  $f$  from table 2 apply directly when used with  $W/2$  as the whole width of a one-way street. Factors for the condition "with parking" are applicable to parking on one side only of one-way streets. The procedure to obtain possible capacity of a one-way street is: (1) determine design capacity for an equivalent approach from charts 1-6; (2) multiply by factor  $i$  in table 3; and

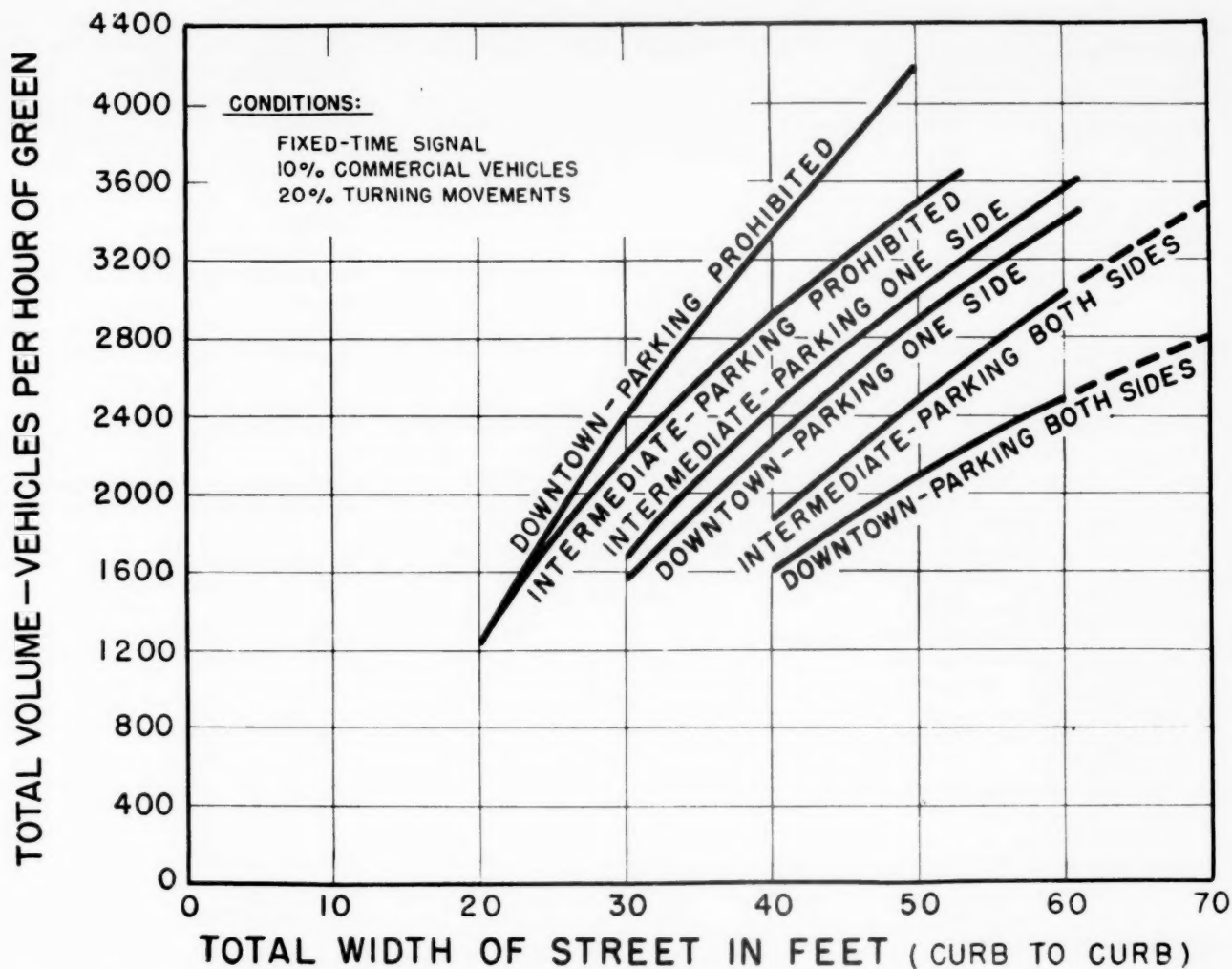


Figure 10.—Average maximum volumes at intersections on one-way streets, for different widths and by type of area and parking regulation.

(3) multiply by factor  $f$  in table 2. Possible capacities of separate turning lanes on one-way streets are the same as those on two-way streets; i. e.,  $1.2K_2$  or  $1.2K_3$ .

#### PROCEDURE

The following procedures, employing charts 1-10 and tables 2 and 3, are used to determine the capacity of one-way streets. For ready reference, each major condition is treated separately.

##### A.—Average Conditions

Proceed through chart 1 in the normal manner, with  $W/2$  equal to the width of one-way street, and obtain a capacity value. Multiply this by factor  $i$ , table 3, to obtain design capacity of one-way street. If the chart is entered on the right with a given volume, in order to obtain either a value of  $G/C$  or  $W/2$ , divide this volume by factor  $i$  before entering the chart.

##### Problem 27

An intersection on a one-way street, 30 feet wide between curbs, with parking on one side, located in a downtown area, is

assumed to be operating under average conditions. What is the design capacity if the signal is so timed that  $G/C=0.60$ ? What will be the possible capacity?

**Solution:** In chart 1, using  $W/2=30$ , curve III, and  $G/C=0.60$ , read = 600 v.p.h. From tables 3 and 2,  $i=1.25$  and  $f=1.40$ .

$$K=600 \times 1.25=750 \text{ v.p.h.}$$

$$P=750 \times 1.40=1,050 \text{ v.p.h.}$$

##### Problem 28

If, in problem 27, the approach volume to be accommodated is only 625 v.p.h., to what may the ratio of  $G/C$  be reduced?

**Solution:** Enter chart 1 with  $W/2=30$ , proceed to curve III, and project a line downward. Then enter the chart with a volume of  $625 \div 1.25=500$  v.p.h., proceed to the left and intersect the vertical line previously projected; read  $G/C=0.50$ .

Table 3.—Factor  $i$  to convert capacity value (charts 1-6) on one approach on a two-way street to that on a one-way street<sup>1</sup>

W/2 = Approach width <sup>2</sup> Feet	No parking		Parking on one side	
	Downtown	Intermediate	Downtown	Intermediate
20	0.88	0.94	—	—
22	.94	1.00	—	—
24	.98	1.04	—	—
26	1.02	1.09	1.19	1.09
28	1.05	1.13	1.22	1.13
30	1.08	1.18	1.25	1.17
32	1.11	1.22	1.29	1.21
34	1.13	1.25	1.31	1.24
36	1.15	1.29	1.34	1.26
38	1.17	1.32	1.37	1.28
40	1.19	1.35	1.40	1.30
42	1.21	1.38	1.42	1.32
44	1.23	1.41	1.44	1.33
46	1.25	1.44	1.46	1.35
48	1.26	1.47	1.47	1.36
50	1.27	1.48	1.48	1.38

<sup>1</sup> For the same width of approach, type of area, and parking regulation.

<sup>2</sup> For one-way streets, the total curb-to-curb width, exclusive of separate turning lanes; for two-way streets, one-half (normally) of the curb-to-curb width.

### B.—No Parking, in Downtown or Intermediate Area

Enter chart 2 or 3 with  $W/2$  equal to the width of the one-way street. Proceed through the chart in normal manner, but instead of actual  $L$  use  $(L/2)+5$ . Multiply the result by factor  $i$  from table 3 to obtain design capacity of the one-way street. The single-asterisk note in charts 2 and 3 does not apply to one-way streets.

#### Problem 29

A 40-foot street in a downtown area is converted to one-way operation with no parking. Other conditions are  $T=18\%$ ,  $R=12\%$ ,  $L=20\%$ ,  $B=\text{no bus stop}$ , and 35% of the cycle time must be devoted to the cross street. What is the design capacity of the one-way street if two-phase signal control is used with  $C=60$  seconds and each amber=3 seconds? What will be the possible capacity?

**Solution:** Green time that must be allotted to the cross street is 35% of  $60=21$  seconds. Green time available for the one-way street is  $60-21-(2\times 3)=33$  seconds, and  $G/C=33/60=0.55$ .

Using chart 2, with  $W/2=40$ ,  $T=18\%$ ,  $R=12\%$ ,  $L=(20/2)+5=15\%$ ,  $B=\text{no bus stop}$ , and  $G/C=0.55$ , obtain a capacity value of 1,100 v.p.h. From tables 3 and 2,  $i=1.19$  and  $f=1.40$ .

$$K=1,100\times 1.19=1,300 \text{ v.p.h.}$$

$$P=1,300\times 1.40=1,820 \text{ v.p.h.}$$

### C.—With Parking on One Side, in Downtown or Intermediate Area

Enter chart 4 or 6 with  $W/2$  equal to the width of the one-way street. Proceed through the chart in normal manner, except instead of actual  $L$  use  $(L/2)+5$ . Use supplemental chart 5 in normal manner, as for two-way streets. Multiply the result from chart 4 or 6 by factor  $i$  from table 3 to obtain capacity of the one-way street. The single-asterisk note on charts 4 and 6 does not apply.

#### Problem 30

If, in problem 29, all of the conditions remain the same except that parking is permitted on one side and  $D=20$  feet, what will be the design capacity?

**Solution:** First use chart 5C, with  $R+L=12+20=32\%$ , and  $D=20$ , obtaining  $Z=-6$ . Then, from chart 4, a capacity value of 640 v.p.h. is found. In table 3,  $i=1.40$  for a

40-foot approach with parking on one side.  
 $K=640\times 1.40=900 \text{ v.p.h.}$

### D.—With Separate Turning Lanes, No Separate Signal Indication

**With right-turn lane:** Follow the instructions given on chart 7, except in obtaining the capacity of the combined through and left-turn movement  $M_2$  use  $(L/2)+5$  instead of actual  $L$  in chart 2 or 3; multiply this by factor  $i$  from table 3.

**With left-turn lane:** Use chart 7, since chart 8 is not applicable to one-way streets. In obtaining the capacity of the combined through and right-turn movement, use  $L=5\%$  (instead of 0%) in chart 2, 3, 4, or 6; multiply this by factor  $i$  from table 3.

**With both right- and left-turn lanes:** Follow the instructions on chart 9, except in obtaining the capacity of the through movement  $M_1$  use  $L=5\%$  (instead of 0%) in the solution on charts 2 and 3; multiply this by factor  $i$  from table 3.

#### Problem 31

If, in problem 29, all of the conditions remain the same, except that the approach is widened by addition of a left-turn lane with an adequate curb return (and there is little if any pedestrian interference), what will be the design capacity?

**Solution:** The design capacity of the left-turn lane, from chart 7B, using  $G/C=0.55$  and  $T=18\%$  (assuming the percentage of trucks is the same for all movements), is 360 v.p.h.

A capacity value for the combined through and right-turn movement, from chart 2, using  $W/2=40$ ,  $T=18\%$ ,  $R=12\%$ ,  $L=5\%$ ,  $B=\text{no bus stop}$ , and  $G/C=0.55$ , is 1,220 v.p.h. From table 3,  $i=1.19$ . The design capacity of the through plus right-turn lanes  $=1,220\times 1.19=1,450$  v.p.h.

From step 3, chart 7, left-turn volume  $= (1,450\times 20)\div(100-20)=360$  v.p.h., which is the same as the design capacity found above. Design capacity of approach  $=1,450+360=1,810$  v.p.h. The length of left-turn lane required, from chart 7C, is approximately 200 feet.

### E.—With Separate Turning Lanes and Separate Signal Indication

**With right-turn lane:** Follow the instructions on chart 10, except for step 2 in the series on the right side of the figure substitute the following: Obtain design capacity of the combined through and left-turn

movement  $M_2$  in the usual manner from charts 2-6. Use  $W/2$  as the normal width of approach, exclusive of turning lane;  $(L/2)+5$  instead of actual  $L$ ; and  $R=0\%$ . Multiply the result obtained by factor  $i$  from table 3.

**With left-turn lane:** Follow the instructions on chart 10, except for step 2 in the series on the left side of the figure substitute the following: Obtain design capacity of the combined through and right-turn movement  $M_2$  in the usual manner from charts 2-6. Use  $W/2$  as the normal width of approach, exclusive of turning lane, and  $L=5\%$ . Multiply the result by factor  $i$  from table 3.

### F.—Special Conditions

The items listed under the heading Special Conditions for two-way streets (page 113) also apply to one-way streets, except that the charts are to be used as described above in sections B-E.

#### Problem 32

What is the design capacity, in problem 29, if all of the conditions remain the same except that a bus stop is provided at the intersection on the one-way street with approximately 90 busses stopping per hour, and  $T$ , exclusive of stopping busses, is 5%? What is the possible capacity?

**Solution:** According to item 1, page 113,  $W/2=40-12=28$  feet. Using this in chart 2, with  $T=5\%$ ,  $R=12\%$ ,  $L=(20/2)+5=15\%$ , bus-stop condition line  $B_x$ , and  $G/C=0.55$ , a capacity value of 890 is obtained. From tables 3 and 2,  $i=1.19$  and  $f=1.40$ .

Design capacity  $=(890\times 1.19)+90$  busses  $=1,150$  v.p.h.

Possible capacity  $=(1,060\times 1.40)+90$  busses  $=1,570$  v.p.h.

#### Problem 33

What is the design capacity in problem 25, page 114, if all of the conditions remain the same, except that the 40-foot intercepted street is converted to a one-way street for travel in the westerly direction?

**Solution:** According to item 8, page 114, the left-turn movement is considered to be equivalent to the through movement, so that in the solutions  $L=(0/2)+5=5\%$  (see section B above). Using chart 2 with  $W/2=40$ ,  $T=10\%$ ,  $R=30\%$  or more,  $L=5\%$ ,  $B=\text{no bus stop}$ , and  $G/C=0.40$ , a capacity value of 880 is obtained. From table 3,  $i=1.19$ . Design capacity of the one-way east approach  $=880\times 1.19=1,050$  v.p.h.

## Part III—Expressways

### FEATURES OF EXPRESSWAYS

An expressway is defined as a divided arterial highway for through traffic with full or partial control of access and generally with grade separations at intersections.\* The salient geometric features of

an expressway are: a divided highway designed to high standards, insulated for the most part from the adjacent development; shoulder space for emergency use (no parking adjacent to the traveled way); bus

stops (if any) on separate turnouts; and properly designed and controlled intersections. Where partial control of access is used, the expressway will intersect some streets or highways at grade. These intersections will require added turning lanes of adequate design, pedestrian cross-walk

\* Definition adopted by the American Association of State Highway Officials, June 25, 1949.



controls, and in some instances traffic signal controls for all traffic.

On expressways, where the above conditions are satisfied, intersection capacities expressed in terms of vehicles per hour of green per unit of width will be higher than on ordinary streets or highways, and the capacity data represented on charts 1-10 are not applicable. Charts 11, 12, and 13 are design capacity adjustments for specific conditions on high-type facilities, based on the data in item V on page 90 of the Manual. These charts are applicable to both rural and urban conditions, and to divided two-way highways or to one-way facilities. Two general conditions govern and are treated separately: charts 11 and 12 are applicable where separate turning lanes exist; and chart 13 where widened approaches are used.

### EXPRESSWAYS WITH SEPARATE TURNING LANES

Charts 11 and 12 give all of the necessary information for evaluating the expressway design capacity at signalized intersections having separate turning lanes (the type of layout shown in the upper right-hand corner of chart 12). Added turning lanes are arranged for the exclusive use of turning vehicles, and other traffic cannot use them to proceed through the intersection. Added lanes designed to permit their use by through traffic are discussed in the next section, concerning widened intersections.

Chart 11 gives the solution for the design capacity of the through movement  $K_t$  on the expressway at a signalized intersection. It is based on the Manual value of 1,000 passenger vehicles per hour of green per 10 feet of lane width. With adjustment for the percentage of trucks and busses and for the  $G/C$  value, the design capacity can be read directly for the width of through lanes ( $W/2$  on the sketch in chart 12). This capacity value must be used jointly with separately determined capacities for right- and left-turn movements obtained from chart 12. The procedure is the same as that described for charts 9 and 10.

Chart 12 gives solutions for design capacities of separate turning lanes, in which charts A, B, and C are for controls without a separate signal indication and chart D with a separate signal indication. Since the conditions are identical with those in chart 8, the design capacity of a left-turn lane is obtained from chart 12A or 12B, the larger value governing. Chart 12C is of the same form as that of chart 7B, but is based on a control value of 1,000 vehicles per hour of green per 10 feet of width instead of 800. A third adjustment is included in chart 12C in terms of three degrees of pedestrian interference. Chart 12D is the same as chart 10A except that the control value of 1,000 is used instead of 800.

The length of right- or left-turn lane, with or without separate signal indication,

Table 4.—Minimum lengths of speed-change lanes and taper to or from a stop position

Highway design speed	For deceleration lanes			For acceleration lanes <sup>1</sup>		
	Length exclusive of taper	Length of taper	Total length	Length exclusive of taper	Length of taper	Total length
Miles per hour	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet	Feet
30.....	15	100	115	75	140	140
40.....	40	125	165	175	175	250
50.....	90	150	240	280	200	480
60.....	130	175	305	550	250	800

<sup>1</sup> Applies only to conditions with widened approaches or to intersections without signal control.

is given in chart 12E and predicated on the maximum number of vehicles that can be stored per cycle, which is assumed to be twice the average number. Since expressways are intended for rapid vehicular movement with a minimum of operational delay, the length of turning lanes should be predicated on the likely approach speeds of traffic during the green signal periods. For this purpose the turning lanes should be sufficiently long to permit turning vehicles to decelerate to the safe speed of the turn, with allowance for drivers to bring their vehicles to a stop if necessary. Minimum lengths of deceleration lanes to allow for such operation are given in table 4. Comparative values are obtained from chart 12E and from the second column of table 4 and the larger of the two should be used in design. The length of taper should never be less than that shown in the third column of table 4.

On expressways, bus stops in the vicinity of cross streets should be located off the through lanes and on the far side of the intersection. When thus positioned at an intersection with corner islands, as in the sketch on chart 12, bus stops have little if any effect on intersection capacity. Thus, charts 11 and 12 apply to intersections with bus stops on the far side as well as to those with no bus stops. In the event that a near-side bus stop is provided, the capacity should be reduced according to the adjustment in item V-3B on page 91 of the Manual.

Another condition adjustment is shown in item V-2A (2) in the Manual, for right-turn movements as affected by frontage-road traffic. When a frontage road is sufficiently close to affect a right-turn move-

ment, the capacity condition is the same as that of a left turn from an added lane without a separate signal indication, and values from charts 12A and 12B are applicable.

Intersections on expressways should be designed so that anticipated volumes will not exceed the design capacity. For certain combinations of traffic volumes and distributions, however, it may not be practicable to accommodate each approach movement at design capacity. One of the turning movements may have to operate above design capacity, but the excess should not be large. The relative amount can be determined by calculating possible capacity.

On expressways, possible capacity for any movement may be obtained by multiplying the design capacity by 1.2.

Problems 34-37 illustrate the use of charts 11 and 12.

### Problem 34

On the expressway shown in figure 11, traffic from east to west during the peak hour is approximately 60% of the total two-way traffic on the expressway. On the east approach, what is the design capacity of the through lanes, the right-turn lane, and the left-turn lane, when trucks comprise 10% of each movement,  $C=65$  seconds, and  $G=39$  seconds?

**Solution:** Design capacity of the through pavement,  $K_t$ , using chart 11 with  $W/2=25$ ,  $T=10\%$ , and  $G/C=39/65=0.60$ , is 1,350 v.p.h.

Design capacity of the right-turn lane  $K_r$ , using chart 12C with  $G/C=0.60$ ,  $a=11$ ,  $T_s=10\%$ , and light to moderate pedestrian interference, is 530 v.p.h.

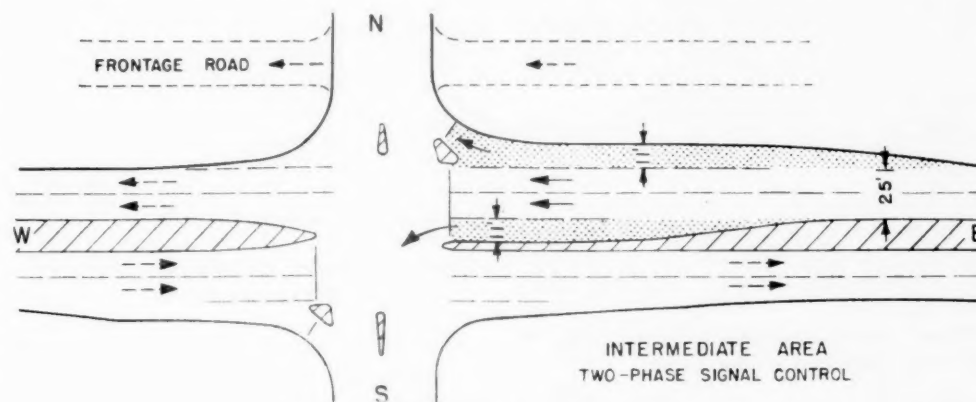


Figure 11.—Illustrative problems 34-37.

Design capacity of the left-turn lane  $K$ , is determined by the larger of the two values from charts 12A and 12B. The volume opposing the left turn  $V_o$ , as used in chart 12A, is 40% of the total peak-hour volume on the expressway, or  $1,350 \times 40/60 = 900$  v.p.h. Using this in chart 12A gives a zero capacity. Minimum capacity in chart 12B, with  $C=65$  seconds, is 88. Thus, the value in chart 12B governs and  $K_s=90$  v.p.h. (using a rounded figure).

#### Problem 35

Determine the minimum signal timing and lengths of turning lanes of the east approach of the intersection shown in figure 11 if the design speed is 50 m.p.h. and the design volumes during the evening peak hour are as follows: through movement, 1,120 v.p.h. of which 5% are trucks; right-turn movement, 280 v.p.h. of which 30% are trucks; and left-turn movement, 90 v.p.h. of which 2% are trucks.

**Solution:** The proportion of green time,  $G/C$ , needed for the through movement is obtained from chart 11: Using  $W/2=25$ ,  $T_s=5\%$ , and an approach through volume of 1,120 v.p.h., the required  $G/C=0.47$ .

For the right-turn movement chart 12C is used. Entering the chart at the bottom with a volume of 280 v.p.h., and using light to moderate pedestrian interference,  $T_s=30\%$ , and  $a=11$ , the required  $G/C=0.38$ .

It is apparent from the approach volumes indicated and from the distribution of traffic by direction, as shown in problem 34, that the capacity of the left-turn lane is not governed by the condition in chart 12A. Thus, using chart 12B, it is found that for a left-turn volume of 90 v.p.h. a cycle length  $C$  of 64 seconds is required.

The through movement, for which the required  $G/C=0.47$ , governs the design capacity of the east approach. Assuming that a 64-second cycle is satisfactory,  $G=64 \times 0.47=30$  seconds and, if each amber period is 3 seconds, the signal timing will be 30 seconds green and 6 seconds amber, leaving 28 seconds red (green on the cross street).

In the event that a longer cycle had to be used, say 75 seconds, the design capacity of the left-turn lane (chart 12B) would be 77 v.p.h. The 90 v.p.h. could still be handled, although not as satisfactorily, since possible capacity would be  $77 \times 1.2=92$  v.p.h.

The lengths of turning lanes, from chart 12E, required to handle the volumes indicated are:

**Right-turn lane:** Using  $V_s=280$  v.p.h.,  $C=64$  seconds, and  $T_s=30\%$ ;  $D_s=300$  feet.

**Left-turn lane:** Using  $V_s=90$  v.p.h.,  $C=64$  seconds, and  $T_s=2\%$ ;  $D_s=80$  feet.

The length of each turning lane required for speed change, from table 4, is 90 feet plus a taper of 150 feet. Thus, the right-turn lane should be 300 feet long plus a 150-foot taper, and the left-turn lane 90 feet long plus a 150-foot taper.

#### Problem 36

If, in problem 35, all of the conditions remain the same, except that a one-

way frontage road is provided (dash lines in figure 11), what will be the design capacity of the right-turn lane on the east approach when a volume of 250 v.p.h. on the frontage road, of which 12% are trucks, receives a green signal at the same time as the expressway traffic?

**Solution:** In this case it is necessary to check the capacity of the right-turn lane as affected by the crossing of frontage-road traffic, which can be determined from charts 12 A and 12 B (see page 119, cols. 2-3).

Using  $V_o=250$  v.p.h. in chart 12A as the volume conflicting with the right-turning movement,  $T_o=12\%$ ,  $G/C=0.47$ , and  $T_s$  (which in this case is the percentage of trucks in the right-turn movement)=30%, the design capacity, as controlled by the frontage road traffic, is found to be 190 v.p.h.

This indicates that, with a frontage road, a right-turn volume of 280 v.p.h. cannot be accommodated, and three-phase control is needed at the intersection of the frontage road and the cross street.

#### Problem 37

If, in problem 35, all of the conditions remain the same, except that the left-turn volume on the east approach is 140 v.p.h., what will be the signal timing if the left turn is to be accommodated on a separate signal indication? The 28-second green interval on the cross street is to be retained to give pedestrians sufficient time to cross the street. Left-turn movement on the west approach also will move on this phase.

**Solution:** In problem 35 it is shown that a value of  $G/C=0.47$  is required for the through movement, during which the right turn will also be accommodated. The separate phase for the left turn will require an additional  $G'/C=0.13$ , as determined from chart 12D with a volume of 140 v.p.h.,  $T_s=2\%$ , and  $a=11$  feet.

To retain the 28-second green period on the cross street, the length of cycle must be:  $C=0.47C+0.13C+28+(3 \times 3)$  amber=93 seconds.

The green signal times are thus: For through and right-turn movement on the expressway,  $93 \times 0.47=44$  seconds; for left turns on the expressway,  $93 \times 0.13=12$  seconds; for the cross street, 28 seconds. Each of the three phases is followed by a 3-second amber period.

It may be noted that, while the 28-second green interval has been retained for the cross street, the proportion of green time ( $G/C$ ) for movement of traffic on this street, because of lengthened cycle, has been decreased; thus, the capacity of the cross street is less than that in problem 35.

### EXPRESSWAYS WIDENED THROUGH INTERSECTIONS

On expressways where the cross roads at grade are widely spaced it may be necessary to widen the expressway pavements at the intersections to prevent their capacity from being diminished at these

points. Such treatment is illustrated by a sketch in the upper right-hand corner of chart 13, and from this chart the design capacity can be determined or the number of lanes required to handle a given volume can be established.

In this condition the added lanes, shown as  $e_2$  and  $e_3$  in the sketch, are carried through the intersection, unobstructed by triangular islands. When the expressway is operating at relatively low volumes, through traffic will proceed through the intersection on the normal width of pavement,  $W/2$ , exclusive of widening. During such times the added lanes  $e_2$  and  $e_3$  will function as speed-change lanes for turning vehicles. At or near design capacity, however, through traffic will be stored on the added lanes and proceed through the intersection when the signal changes. Turning vehicles will also use these lanes at the same time. For this reason an adjustment in capacity must be made. This is accounted for in chart 13.

An adjustment for bus stops is not included in chart 13. Since this type of intersection generally is used to maintain the high capacity available on other portions of the expressway without intersections at grade, bus stops should be excluded from all lanes intended for regular traffic use. If bus stops are necessary at such locations, they should be provided on frontage roads or on separate turnouts.

Chart 13 is constructed on the same basis as chart 11 (see pp. 87 and 103 of the Manual), with a design capacity of 1,000 vehicles per hour of green per 10 feet of width. The upper left and lower right portions of chart 13 are identical with chart 11. The added adjustments for turning movements are the same as in previous charts, the percentage reduction being 0.5R for right turns and 1.0L for left turns.

For this capacity condition the widened approach pavement must be of sufficient length to encourage its use by through traffic, as well as be adequate for deceleration and storage of turning vehicles. Controls for the required lengths are given in the notes below the sketch in the upper right corner of chart 13. The widened length in feet in advance of the intersection, shown as  $D_a$ , should be at least five times the green interval in seconds (see Manual, p. 89) and also should be adequate for deceleration purposes, as indicated in the second column of table 4. In addition it should have a proper taper, as shown in table 4.

For the maneuvering of traffic, the widened pavement  $D_b$  beyond the intersection should be of length somewhat longer than on the approach side, for which a factor of 1.5 is assumed. Further, the length should be checked for suitability for acceleration, according to the fifth column of table 4. The sixth column of table 4 gives the needed length of taper.

#### Problem 38

An expressway with two one-way pavements, separated by a median about 150 feet wide, intersects a cross road at grade,



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and a signal must be installed. If the normal width of each expressway pavement is 33 feet, and at the intersection each pavement is widened by 12 feet on the left and on the right for an adequate distance in advance of and beyond the intersection, what is the design capacity of one approach, if  $T=10\%$ ,  $R=15\%$ ,  $L=12\%$ , and  $G/C=0.54$ ?

**Solution:** The total width of approach is  $W/2 + e_2 + e_3 = 33 + 12 + 12 = 57$  feet. Using this in chart 13 with the conditions given above,  $K=2,260$  v.p.h. The wide median, in effect, separates the expressway into two one-way facilities; therefore, it is not necessary to check for the capacity of the left turn.

### Problem 39

An urban expressway in rolling terrain, designed for a speed of 50 m.p.h., has two 12-foot lanes in each direction, and all cross streets are separated in grade except at one isolated intersection. The volume of traffic on the cross street can be accommodated by a two-phase traffic signal with 30% of the elapsed time allowed for the

cross street, and a 20-second green interval for pedestrians.

If the intersection treatment is to be of the type shown in the upper right-hand corner of chart 13, determine the minimum number of lanes on the expressway, at the intersection, that will enable the intersection approaches to accommodate a volume of traffic equal to the capacity of the two 12-foot lanes where flow is uninterrupted. On the critical approach, during the peak hour,  $T=15\%$ ,  $R=18\%$ , and  $L=4\%$ .

**Solution:** On the basis that 30% of the cycle is required for the cross movement with a green interval of 20 seconds, the shortest cycle that can be used is  $20 \div 0.30 = 67$  seconds. Allowing 7 seconds for the amber periods, the green interval available for expressway traffic is  $67 - 7 - 20 = 40$  seconds, and  $G/C = 40/67 = 0.60$ .

The capacity of the expressway on the portions where the flow is uninterrupted, with 15% trucks in rolling terrain, is found

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to be 1,050 v.p.h. per lane,\* or a one-way flow on the facility of 2,100 v.p.h. The total number of lanes on the one approach to handle this volume can be obtained from chart 13. Entering the chart at the bottom with a volume of 2,100 v.p.h. and using  $G/C=0.60$ ,  $L=4\%$ ,  $R=18\%$ , and  $T=15\%$ , the total approach width,  $W/2 + e_2 + e_3$ , is found to be 47 feet.

Four lanes will therefore be required on the one approach at the intersection, or an extra lane on each side of the normal pavement, to accommodate a volume equal to the uninterrupted capacity flow of the expressway.

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The minimum lengths of widened pavement, from the notes under the sketch on chart 13, should be: For  $D_a$ , 200 feet plus 150-foot taper; for  $D_b$ , 300 feet plus 200-foot taper.

## Part IV—Over-All Intersection Capacity

### USE IN PRELIMINARY DESIGN

In planning or in preliminary design there often is need for a quick, approximate determination of intersection capacities. The problem usually resolves itself into one of two conditions: (1) where the intersecting volumes are known and street widths are established, to determine whether capacity is adequate; or (2) where the intersecting volumes and the width of one street are given, to determine the width of the intersecting street.

These problems can be solved with charts 1-13 by first determining the proportion of green time required for one approach, assuming a cycle length and appropriate amber periods; then calculating the resultant  $G/C$  for the cross-street approach; and finally determining, according to the cross-street volume, either its adequacy for capacity or its necessary width.

### SOLUTION WITH HOURLY TRAFFIC VOLUMES

Chart 14 was devised for use in planning of systems or for early stages of design, as well as for review of preliminary plans, where a quick method is needed for determining intersection capacities or required street widths at a four-way intersection under signal control. Chart 14 combines the necessary information for both of the intersecting streets on one chart and gives results in terms of over-all capacity. It takes into account jointly, for average conditions, the intersection of any

two facilities, regardless of the type of each (one-way or two-way street or expressway), type of area, and parking regulation. The left half of the chart is used for the approach on one street and the right half for the approach on the other (intersecting) street. A line projected between the inner sides of the two charts determines, at the point where it intersects the center axis,  $y-y$ , the adequacy of intersection capacity.

The two parts of chart 14 are identical except for the reverse plotting. The arrangement of each part is similar to that of chart 1, but the  $G/C$  ratio is made the outer scale and the volume is shown as the lower series of curves. In addition to the four area-parking conditions shown on chart 1, conditions for one-way streets and expressways are represented in the upper parts of chart 14 by other sloping lines. These are control values previously presented, including adjustments to obtain design capacity. Notes at the lower left show the proper  $W/2$  value to be used for each case. The  $G/C$  ratio on the inner side scales is the proportion of time required on the one approach for operation at design capacity. With an assumption of 10 percent of the cycle time being used in the amber periods, design capacity is obtained when the total of two green intervals is 90 percent of the cycle (the sum of the two  $G/C$  values=0.90). The zero point on the  $y-y$  axis is located so that a straight line between any two  $G/C$  values passes through it when their sum is 0.90. The scale values

above and below the zero point on the  $y-y$  axis show the proportion by which the sum of the  $G/C$  values is deficient or in excess of the design capacity condition. As indicated on the chart, a design capacity deficiency of 20 percent is about the possible capacity condition.

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### Problem 40

In a downtown area a two-way street (approach A) 62 feet wide with parking intersects a two-way street (approach B) 44 feet wide without parking. A fixed-time signal is used and conditions are assumed to be average. When the peak-hour volume on approach A is 400 v.p.h. in one direction and on approach B is 600 v.p.h. in one direction, is the capacity of the intersection adequate?

**Solution:** For approach A, enter chart 14 at the left with  $W/2=62/2=31$ , proceed to the right to the curve for downtown two-way street with parking, then down to an approach volume of 400 v.p.h., and to the right to  $G/C=0.38$ . For approach B, enter the chart at the extreme right with  $W/2=$



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**Solution:** For approach A, enter chart 14 at the left with  $W/2=62/2=31$ , proceed to the right to the curve for downtown two-way street with parking, then down to an approach volume of 400 v.p.h., and to the right to  $G/C=0.38$ . For approach B, enter the chart at the extreme right with  $W/2=$

two facilities, regardless of the type of each (one-way or two-way street or expressway), type of area, and parking regulation. The left half of the chart is used for the approach on one street and the right half for the approach on the other (intersecting) street. A line projected between the inner sides of the two charts determines, at the point where it intersects the center axis,  $y-y$ , the adequacy of intersection capacity.

The two parts of chart 14 are identical except for the reverse plotting. The arrangement of each part is similar to that of chart 1, but the  $G/C$  ratio is made the outer scale and the volume is shown as the lower series of curves. In addition to the four area-parking conditions shown on chart 1, conditions for one-way streets and expressways are represented in the upper parts of chart 14 by other sloping lines. These are control values previously presented, including adjustments to obtain design capacity. Notes at the lower left show the proper  $W/2$  value to be used for each case. The  $G/C$  ratio on the inner side scales is the proportion of time required on the one approach for operation at design capacity. With an assumption of 10 percent of the cycle time being used in the amber periods, design capacity is obtained when the total of two green intervals is 90 percent of the cycle (the sum of the two  $G/C$  values=0.90). The zero point on the  $y-y$  axis is located so that a straight line between any two  $G/C$  values passes through it when their sum is 0.90. The scale values

#### USE IN PRELIMINARY DESIGN

In planning or in preliminary design there often is need for a quick, approximate determination of intersection capacities. The problem usually resolves itself into one of two conditions: (1) where the intersecting volumes are known and street widths are established, to determine whether capacity is adequate; or (2) where the intersecting volumes and the width of one street are given, to determine the width of the intersecting street.

These problems can be solved with charts 1-13 by first determining the proportion of green time required for one approach, assuming a cycle length and appropriate amber periods; then calculating the resultant  $G/C$  for the cross-street approach; and finally determining, according to the cross-street volume, either its adequacy for capacity or its necessary width.

#### SOLUTION WITH HOURLY TRAFFIC VOLUMES

Chart 14 was devised for use in planning of systems or for early stages of design, as well as for review of preliminary plans, where a quick method is needed for determining intersection capacities or required street widths at a four-way intersection under signal control. Chart 14 combines the necessary information for both of the intersecting streets on one chart and gives results in terms of over-all capacity. It takes into account jointly, for average conditions, the intersection of any

44/2=22, proceed to the left to the curve for downtown two-way street without parking, then down to an approach volume of 600 v.p.h., and to the left to  $G/C=0.47$ . A straight line between the two values of  $G/C$  falls below the zero point on the  $y-y$  axis so capacity is adequate; in fact, there is about 6% excess capacity.

Adjusted signal timing, if desired, can be obtained by dividing each  $G/C$  by the portion of capacity required in respect to design capacity. In this case, with 6% excess capacity, the factor is  $(100-6) \div 100=0.94$ , and the signal timing would be: For approach A,  $0.38 \div 0.94=0.40$ ; for approach B,  $0.47 \div 0.94=0.50$ ; for amber (the remainder), 0.10.

#### Problem 41

If, in problem 40, all of the conditions remain the same except that approach B has to accommodate a peak-hour volume of 930 v.p.h. in one direction, to what extent must this approach be widened to make the intersection operate at design capacity?

**Solution:** For approach A, use the left portion of the chart as in the previous example, obtaining a value of  $G/C=0.38$ . From this point project a straight line through the zero point (design capacity) of line  $y-y$  to intersect the  $G/C$  scale on the right portion of the chart. From this point ( $G/C=0.52$ ), proceed to the right to an approach volume of 930 v.p.h., then up to the curve for downtown two-way street without parking, and to the right to  $W/2=30$ . Approach B would have to be widened to 60 feet if the intersection is to operate at design capacity.

#### Problem 42

A two-way expressway (approach A) with two 24-foot pavements and added turning lanes intersects a 52-foot one-way street without parking (approach B). The intersection is situated in an intermediate area and is to be controlled by a fixed-time signal. The plan is in a preliminary design stage with only general traffic information of 1,400 v.p.h. in one direction on approach A and 1,200 v.p.h. on approach B. Can these volumes be handled satisfactorily?

**Solution:** Enter chart 14 at left with width of approach A=24 feet, proceed to the right to the curve for expressway with turning lanes, then down to an approach volume of 1,400 v.p.h., and to the right to  $G/C=0.56$ . Enter the chart at right with a width of approach B=52 feet, proceed to the left to one-way street without parking in intermediate area, then down to an approach volume of 1,200 v.p.h., and to the left to  $G/C=0.37$ . A straight line between the two values of  $G/C$  shows that the intersection will operate at slightly above design capacity, or about 3% deficient; this is sufficiently close to consider the design satisfactory.

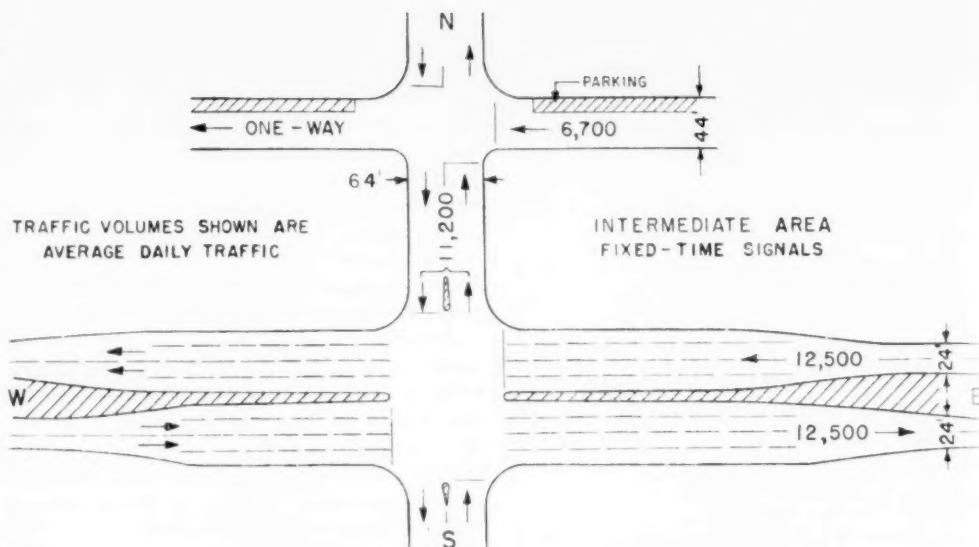


Figure 12.—Illustrative problems 43 and 44.

#### SOLUTION WITH AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC VOLUMES

In the first stages of preliminary design, when the pattern of highways and their intersections are being developed, street widths often must be tentatively established as a starting point. Only general traffic values are then available, customarily expressed in terms of average daily traffic volumes. Such information is of little value in final design of intersections, but in the absence of peak-hour volumes the average daily traffic volumes may be considered appropriate for preliminary design.

Where the design volumes are given in terms of average daily traffic it is necessary to convert them to peak-hour volumes in one direction of travel. Chart 15 gives this relation for average conditions. The peak-hour volume for design is assumed as 12 percent of the two-way average daily traffic, and as 55, 60, and 65 percent of the total peak-hour traffic as the predominant movement in one direction of travel for downtown, intermediate, and outlying areas, respectively. Chart 15 may be entered at the top with the total two-directional average daily traffic volume, or at the bottom with a one-way average daily traffic volume. Thus, the chart is applicable to both one- and two-way facilities. The vertical scale gives the design peak-hour volume in one direction of travel.

It will be noted that the assumption of the peak hour traffic as 12 percent of the two-way average daily traffic, and the use of three  $d$  values, results in different peak-hour percentages of the one-way average daily traffic, when the latter is one-half of the two-way daily volume. Thus, for one-way facilities, in chart 15, the resulting percentages that the peak-hour volume is of the one-way average daily traffic (obtained by dividing  $V$  by  $\frac{1}{2}$  ADT), are: downtown, 13.2; intermediate, 14.4; and outlying, 15.6.

#### Problem 43

Shown in figure 12 is a portion of a preliminary plan on which an east-west four-lane expressway is planned to cross at grade a north-south major street. The only traffic information available is in terms of average daily traffic, as indicated on the figure. The north-south street cannot be widened, but right-of-way permits widening of the approaches on the expressway. Determine the number of lanes required at the intersection in each direction on the expressway if the intersection is to operate at design capacity.

**Solution:** It is first necessary to convert the average daily traffic volume to peak-hour volume in one direction of travel. On the north-south street the two-directional daily volume of 11,200 vehicles in an intermediate area, from chart 15, is equivalent to a peak-hour volume in one direction of 800 vehicles; and on the expressway the daily volume of 12,500 vehicles in one direction corresponds to a peak-hour volume of 1,800 vehicles.

Using the north approach on the major street as approach A in chart 14, with  $W/2=64/2=32$ , two-way street with no parking in intermediate area, and an approach volume of 800 v.p.h., a value of  $G/C=0.46$  is obtained. From this point a straight line is projected to the right through the zero point of line  $y-y$ , intersecting a value of  $G/C=0.44$  for approach B. From this point proceed to the right to an approach volume of 1,800 v.p.h., then up to expressway with widened approaches, and read at the right a required approach width of about 50 feet.

The two-lane pavement in each direction on the expressway should therefore be widened in advance of and beyond the intersection to  $50/12=4.2$ , or four lanes. The length of widened pavements should be of sufficient length, as noted under the sketch in chart 13.



#### Problem 44

In figure 12, the north-south major street intersects a one-way street at a point several hundred feet north of the expressway. According to the average daily traffic volumes indicated and street widths provided, determine whether adequate capacity is available at this intersection.

**Solution:** The left portion of chart 14 is used for one approach on the north-south street, as in problem 43. The right portion of the chart is used for the east approach of the one-way street with  $W/2=44$ , one-way street with parking in intermediate area, and an approach volume of 960 v.p.h. (derived from chart 15 as the equivalent of an average daily traffic in one direction of 6,700). A straight line between the two resulting values of  $G/C$  indicates, at the intersection of the  $y-y$  line, that more than adequate capacity is provided.

#### LIMITATIONS IN USE OF CHARTS 14 AND 15

Although charts 14 and 15 are convenient tools for preliminary design, the limitations

in their use should be recognized:

1. Results are approximate, since average conditions are assumed.

2. On two-way facilities it is assumed that the volume of left-turning vehicles can be accommodated without requiring three-phase signal control. Generally on major facilities not more than 80 to 120 left-turning vehicles per hour can be handled without a separate signal indication. Even in preliminary design, if it is known that the left turns on one approach will exceed about 100 vehicles per hour, the more detailed charts should be used.

3. Where average daily traffic volumes are used as the traffic basis, and corresponding one-way peak-hour volumes are taken from chart 15, it should be remembered that the peak-hour volumes on each approach may not occur simultaneously. At intersections involving two-way streets on which the signal timing remains the same throughout the day, the peak-hour volumes thus obtained and used may be appropriate. However, if the signal timing

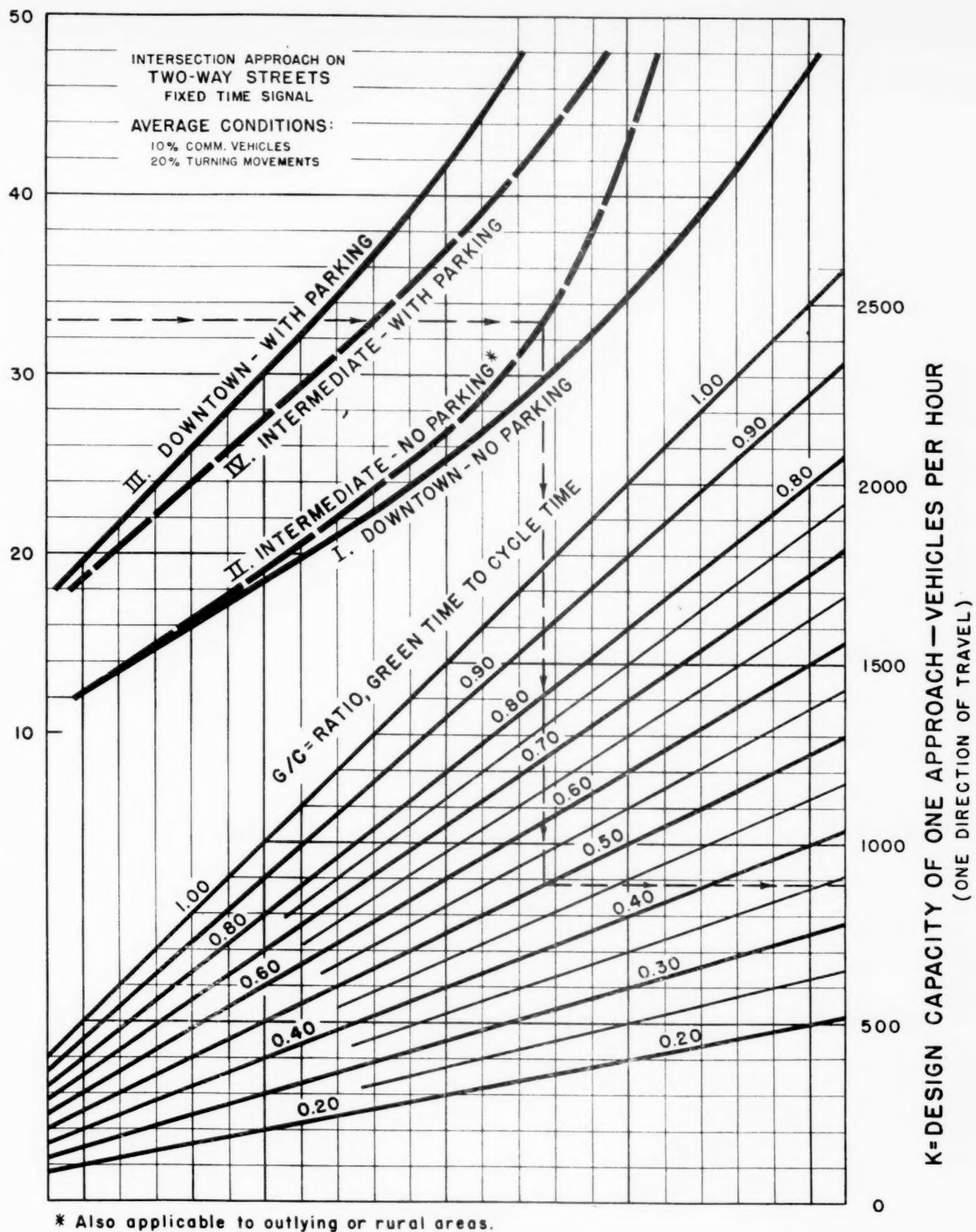
is different during the morning peak from that during the evening peak, because of load distribution, or if one or both of the intersecting streets are one-way, the peak-hour volumes based on average daily traffic may not be representative. If the designer has some knowledge of the peak distributions, he can make adjustments in the hourly approach volumes to arrive at the information needed for both the morning and evening peak hours, one or both of which may govern the design; if not, the direct use of chart 15 for each approach will give results in design on the safe side.

4. Chart 14 may not always apply to those intersections where a given minimum green interval must be maintained, as for a pedestrian crossing. However, the values of  $G/C$  obtained in the solution for any intersection can be tested with logical cycle lengths to determine whether the required green interval may be obtained.

5. For approximate results, chart 14 may also be used for T or Y intersections.

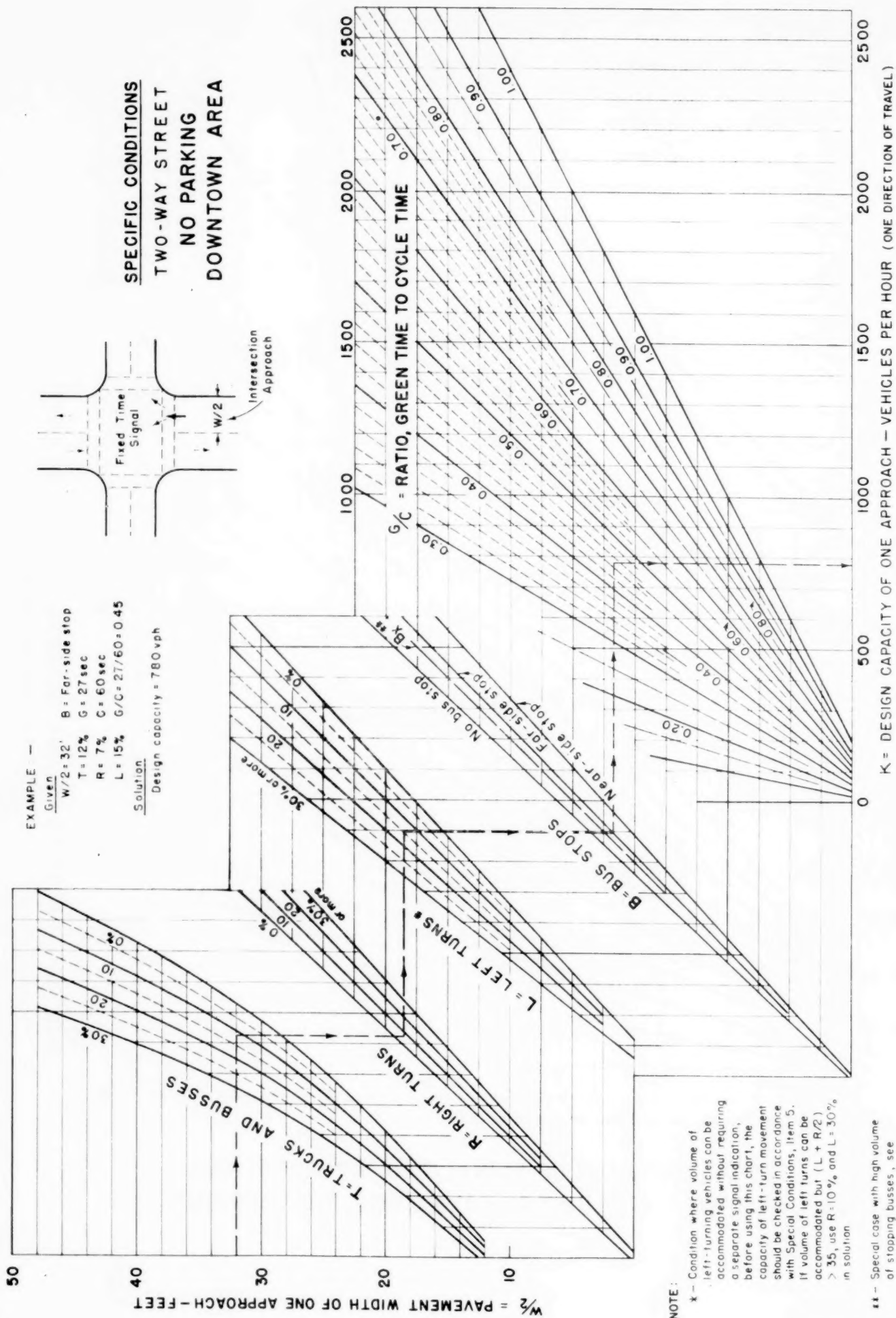
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W/2 = PAVEMENT WIDTH OF ONE APPROACH—FEET  
(USUALLY ONE-HALF CURB-TO-CURB WIDTH)



DESIGN CAPACITY OF SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS  
TWO-WAY STREETS—AVERAGE CONDITIONS  
CHART 1





## EXAMPLE:—

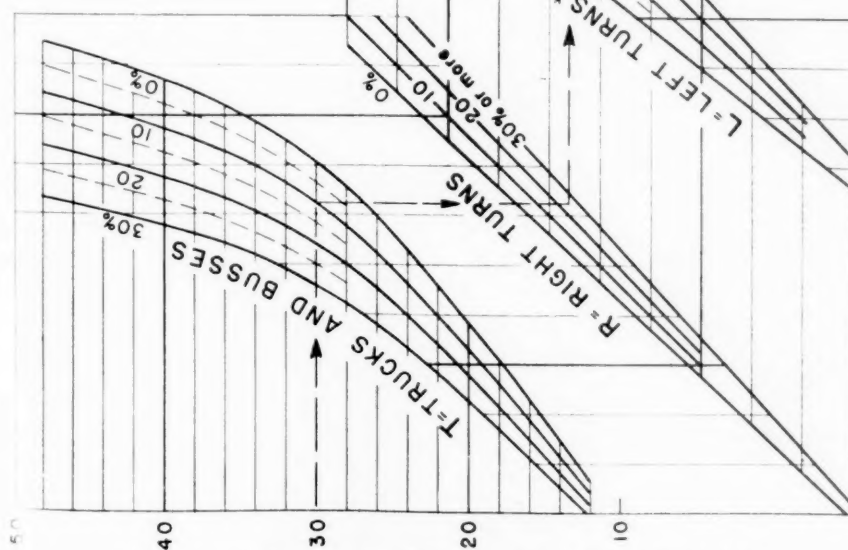
Given

$W/2 = 30'$      $B = \text{Near-side stop}$   
 $T = 10\%$      $G = 31 \text{ sec.}$   
 $R = 25\%$      $C = 65 \text{ sec.}$   
 $L = 12\%$      $G/C = 31/65 = 0.48$

Solution

Design capacity = 650 vph

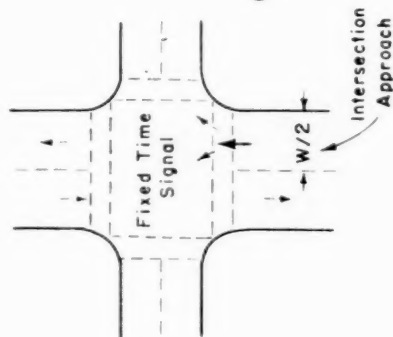
W/2 = PAVEMENT WIDTH OF ONE APPROACH - FEET



## NOTE:

$X$ —Condition where volume of left-turning vehicles can be accommodated without requiring a separate signal indication; before using this chart, the capacity of left-turn movement should be checked in accordance with Special Conditions, Item 5. If volume of left turns can be accommodated but  $(L + R/2) > 35$ , use  $R = 10\%$  and  $L = 30\%$  in solution.

$xt$ —Special case with high volume of stopping busses; see Special Conditions, Item 1



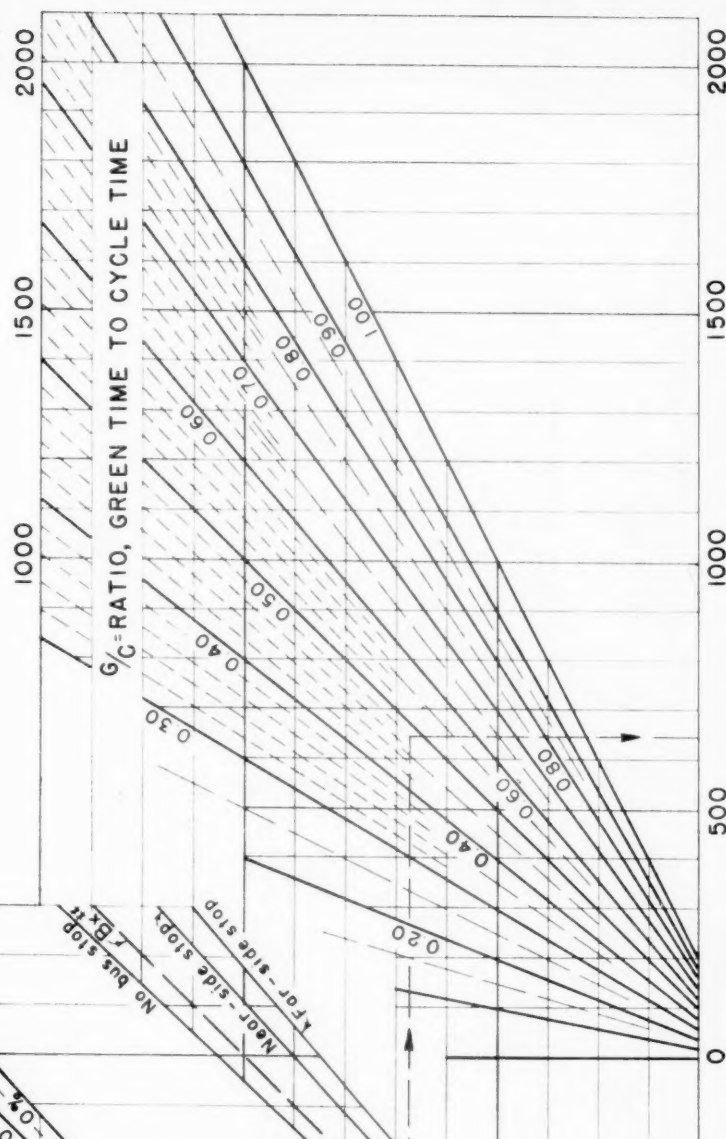
## SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

TWO-WAY STREET

NO PARKING

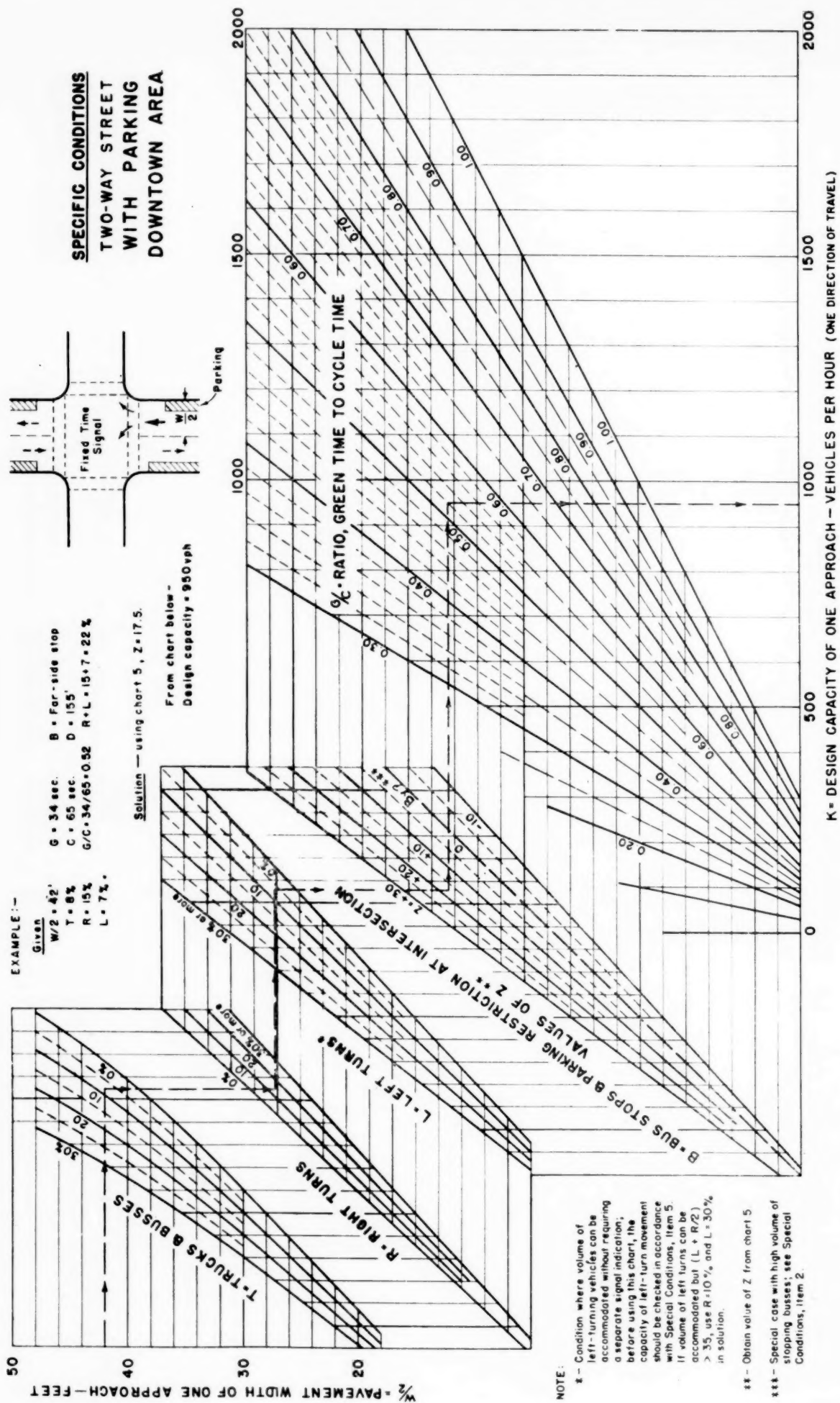
INTERMEDIATE AREA

(ALSO APPLIES TO OUTLYING OR RURAL AREAS)



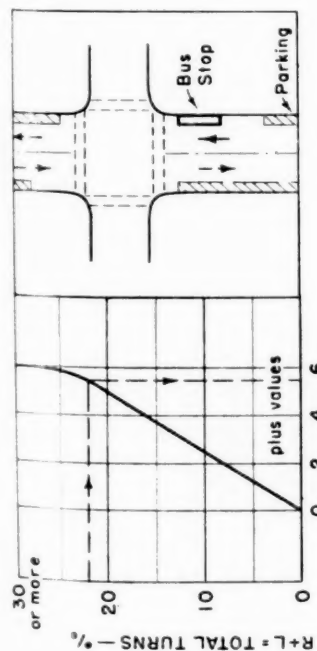
K = DESIGN CAPACITY OF ONE APPROACH - VEHICLES PER HOUR (ONE DIRECTION OF TRAVEL)

DESIGN CAPACITY OF SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS  
 TWO-WAY STREET — NO PARKING, INTERMEDIATE AREA  
 CHART 3

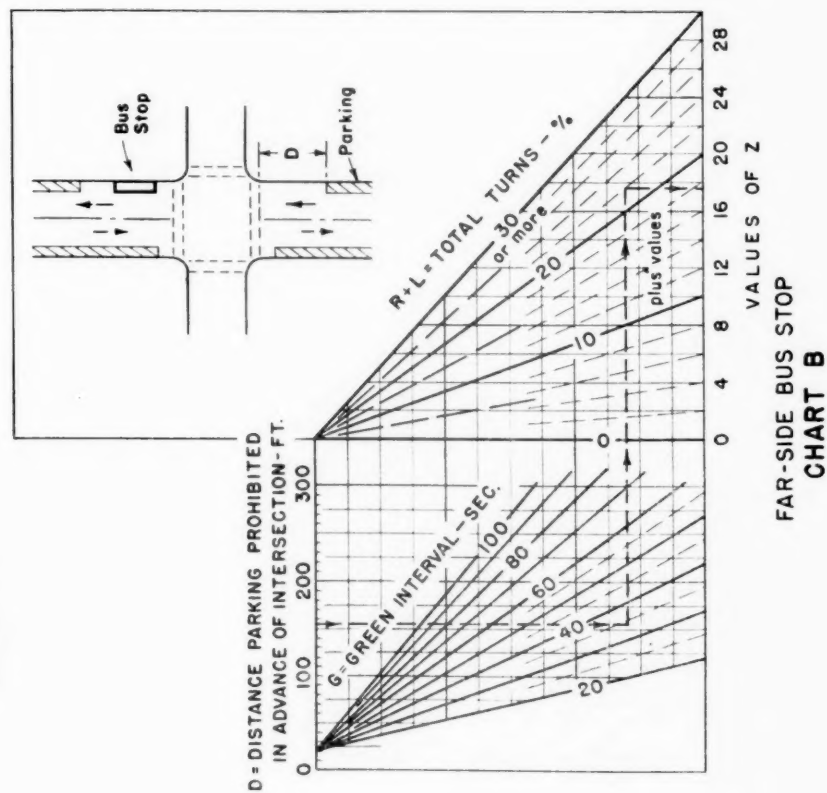


DESIGN CAPACITY OF SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS  
 TWO-WAY STREET — WITH PARKING, DOWNTOWN AREA  
 CHART 4

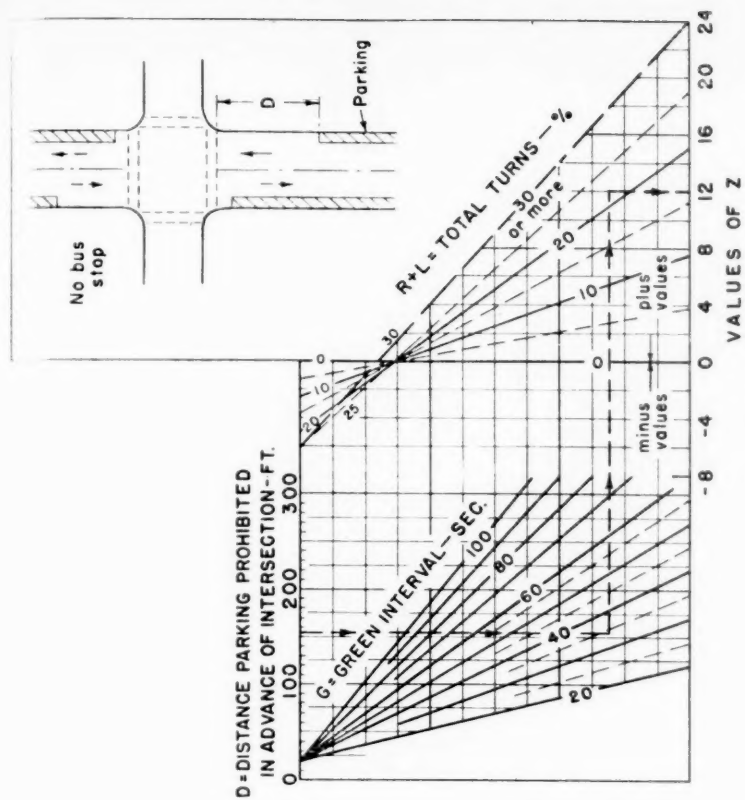




NEAR-SIDE BUS STOP  
CHART A



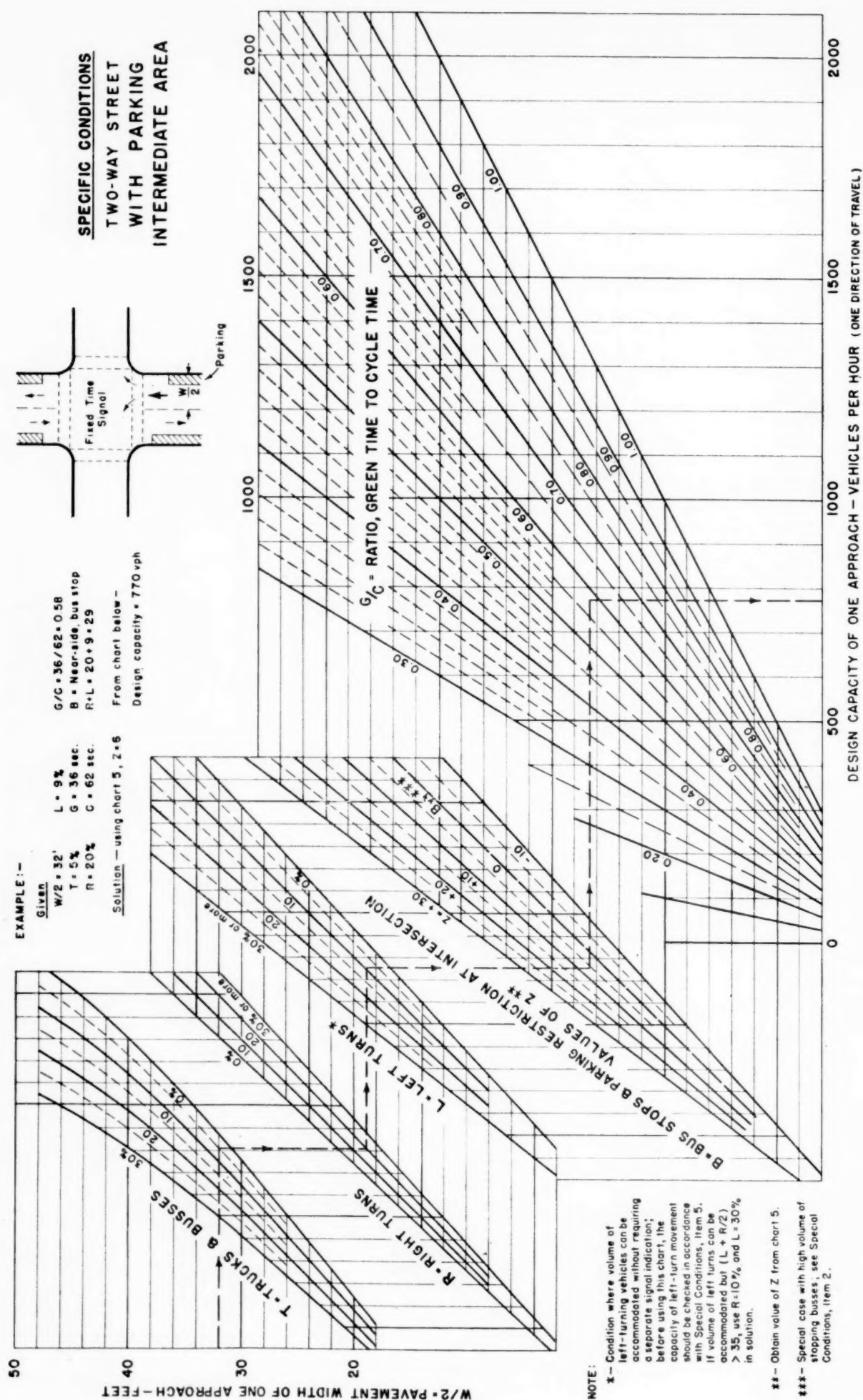
FAR-SIDE BUS STOP  
CHART B



NO BUS STOP  
CHART C

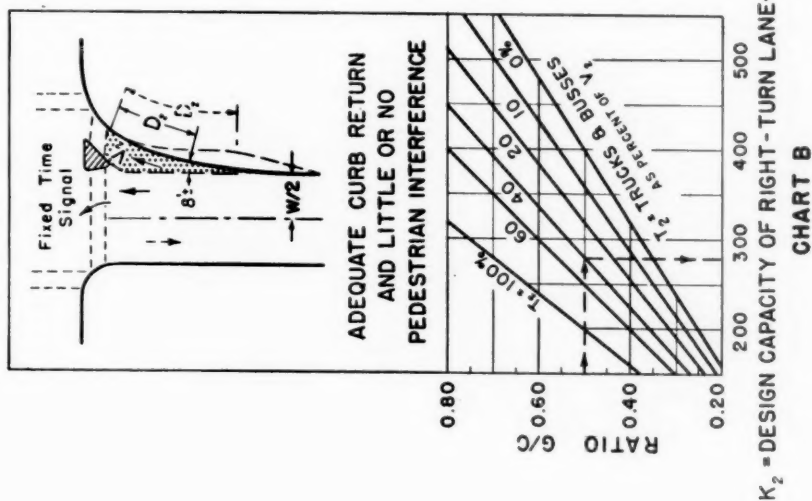
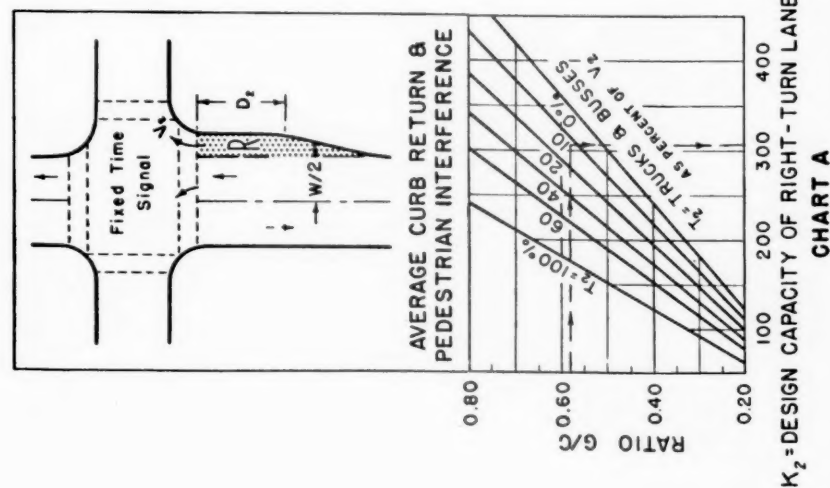
NOTE:  
Z = COMBINED CORRECTION FOR BUS STOP  
AND PARKING RESTRICTION IN PERCENT,  
FOR USE IN CHARTS 4 AND 6.  
WHERE PARKING IS PROHIBITED FOR A  
LIMITED DISTANCE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS  
FROM THE CROSS STREET, SEE SPECIAL  
CONDITIONS, ITEM 4.

DESIGN CAPACITY OF SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS  
SUPPLEMENT TO CHARTS 4 AND 6  
CHART 5



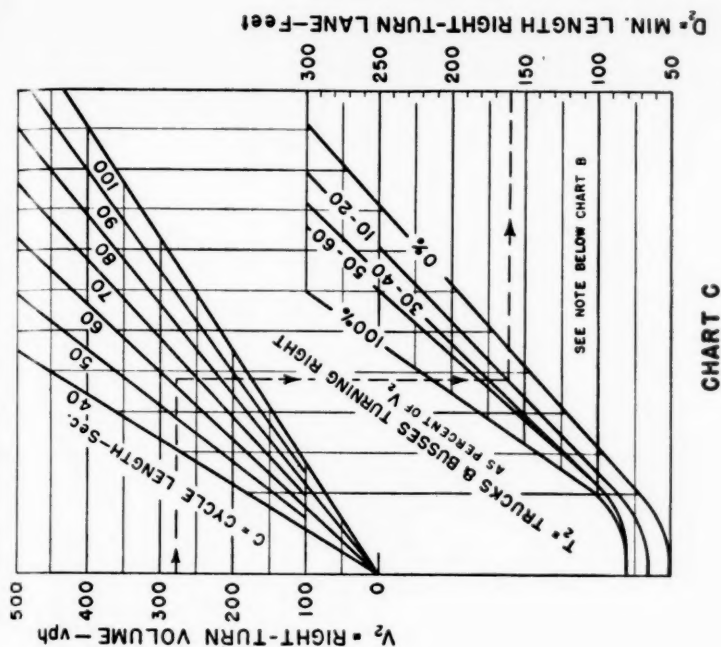
DESIGN CAPACITY OF SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS  
 TWO-WAY STREET—WITH PARKING, INTERMEDIATE AREA  
 CHART 6

**TWO-WAY STREET  
WITH RIGHT-TURN LANE  
NO SEPARATE SIGNAL INDICATION  
FOR TURNING MOVEMENT**



NOTE FOR CHART C:

LENGTH OF RIGHT-TURN LANE BASED  
ON THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF VEHICLES THAT  
WOULD STORE PER CYCLE, FOR  $V_2$  SHOWN.



**DESIGN CAPACITY OF ONE APPROACH:—**

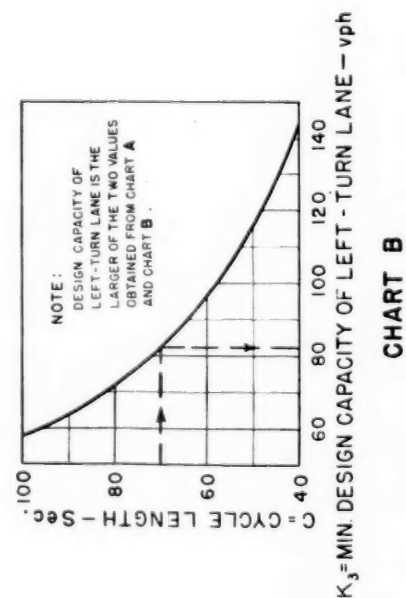
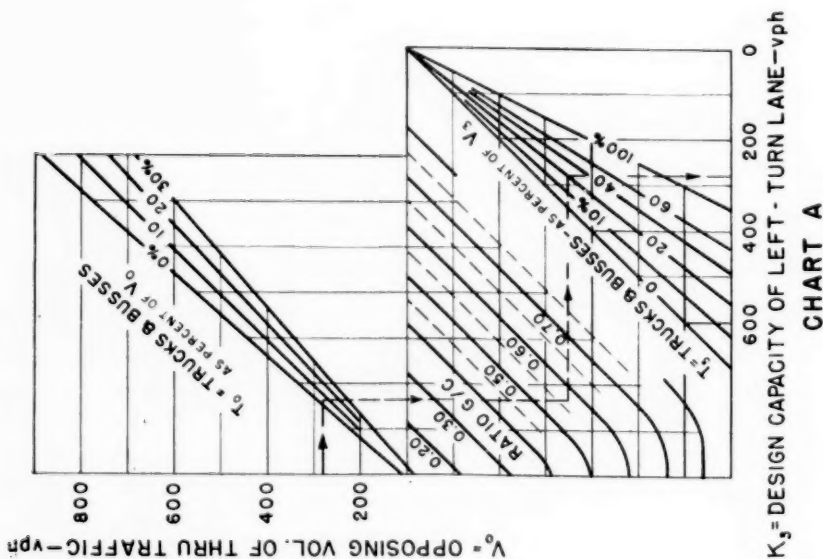
- (1) OBTAIN  $K_2$  FROM CHART A OR B.
- (2) OBTAIN DESIGN CAPACITY OF COMBINED THROUGH AND LEFT-TURN MOVEMENT ( $M_2$ ) FROM CHART 2 OR 3 USING:  
 $W/2$  = APPROACH WIDTH EXCLUSIVE OF RIGHT-TURN LANE; AND  
 $R = 0.7\%$
- (3) CALCULATE  $V_2 = \frac{M_2 \times R}{100 - R}$
- (4) WHEN  $V_2 < K_2$ :  $K = M_2 + V_2$
- (5) WHEN  $V_2 > K_2$ : FIND  $M'_2 = \frac{K_2(100 - R)}{R}$  AND  $K = M'_2 + K_2$
- (6) OBTAIN  $D_2$  FROM CHART C FOR  $V_2$  OR  $K_2$ , WHICHEVER GOVERNS.

NOTE: POSSIBLE CAPACITY OF RIGHT-TURN LANE =  $1.2 K_2$ .

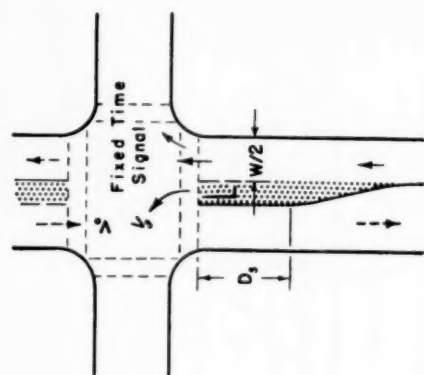
**DESIGN CAPACITY OF SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS  
TWO-WAY STREET — WITH RIGHT-TURN LANE  
NO SEPARATE SIGNAL INDICATION FOR TURNING MOVEMENT**

**CHART 7**





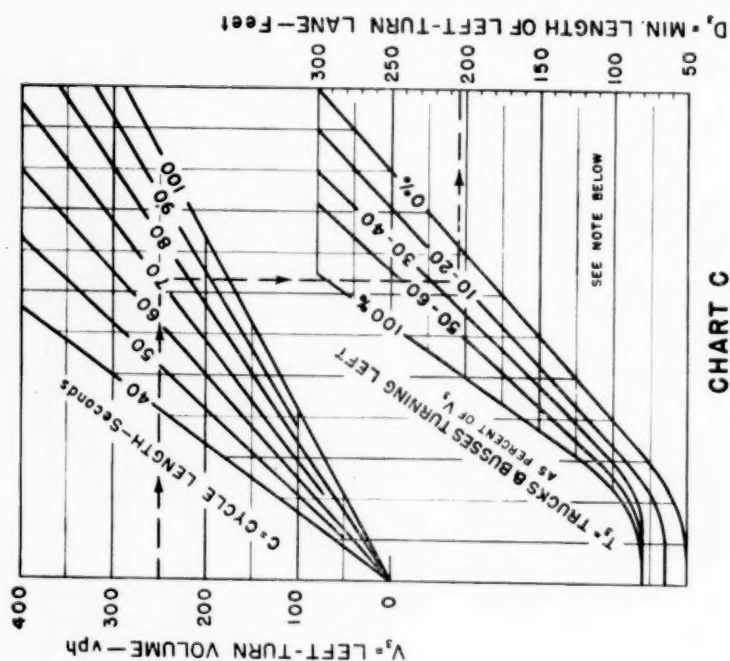
TWO-WAY STREET  
WITH LEFT-TURN LANE  
NO SEPARATE SIGNAL INDICATION  
FOR TURNING MOVEMENT



### DESIGN CAPACITY OF ONE APPROACH:—

- (1) OBTAIN  $K_3$  FROM CHART A OR B
- (2) OBTAIN DESIGN CAPACITY OF COMBINED THROUGH AND RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT ( $M_3$ ) FROM CHART 2, 3, 4, OR 6, USING:  
 $W/2$  = APPROACH WIDTH EXCLUSIVE OF LEFT-TURN LANE; AND  
 $L$  = 0%
- (3) CALCULATE  $V_3 = \frac{M_3 \times L}{100 - L}$
- (4) WHEN  $V_3 < K_3$ :  $K = M_3 + V_3$
- (5) WHEN  $V_3 > K_3$ : FIND  $M'_3 = \frac{K_3(100 - L)}{L}$  AND  $K = M'_3 + K_3$
- (6) OBTAIN  $D_3$  FROM CHART C FOR  $V_3$  OR  $K_3$ , WHICHEVER GOVERNS

NOTE: POSSIBLE CAPACITY OF LEFT-TURN LANE  $= 1.2K_3$

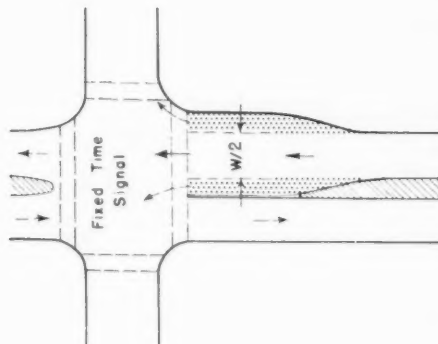


NOTE FOR CHART C:  
LENGTH OF LEFT-TURN LANE BASED  
ON 1.5 TIMES THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF VEHICLES  
THAT WOULD STOP PER CYCLE, FOR  $V_3$  SHOWN.

DESIGN CAPACITY OF SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS  
TWO-WAY STREET — WITH LEFT-TURN LANE  
NO SEPARATE SIGNAL INDICATION FOR TURNING MOVEMENT

CHART 8

TWO-WAY STREET  
WITH LEFT- AND RIGHT-TURN LANES  
NO SEPARATE SIGNAL INDICATION  
FOR TURNING MOVEMENTS



DESIGN CAPACITY OF ONE APPROACH:-

- (1) OBTAIN  $K_2$  FROM CHART 7 AND  $K_3$  FROM CHART 8
- (2) OBTAIN DESIGN CAPACITY OF THROUGH MOVEMENT ( $M_1$ ) FROM CHART 2 OR 3, USING.  
 $W/2 =$  APPROACH WIDTH EXCLUSIVE OF TURNING LANES,  
 $R = 0\%$ ; AND  $L = 0\%$
- (3) CALCULATE  $V_2 = \frac{M_1 \times R}{100 - R - L}$  AND  $V_3 = \frac{M_1 \times L}{100 - R - L}$
- (4) WHEN  $V_2 < K_2$  AND  $V_3 < K_3$ :  $K = M_1 + V_2 + V_3$
- (5) WHEN  $V_2 > K_2$  AND/OR  $V_3 > K_3$ , CALCULATE  $M'_1$  ON BASIS OF  $K_2$  OR  $K_3$ , WHICHEVER GOVERNS; IF  $K_3$  GOVERNS,  $M'_1 = \frac{K_3(100 - R - L)}{L}$ , AND  $V'_2 = \frac{M'_1 \times R}{100 - R - L}$ , AND  $K = M'_1 + V'_2 + K_3$
- (6) OBTAIN  $D_2$  AND  $D_3$  FROM CHARTS 7 AND 8.

NOTE: FOR POSSIBLE CAPACITY OF RIGHT- OR LEFT-TURN LANE MULTIPLY BY 1.2

DESIGN CAPACITY OF SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS  
TWO-WAY STREET — WITH LEFT- AND RIGHT-TURN LANES  
NO SEPARATE SIGNAL INDICATION FOR TURNING MOVEMENTS

CHART 9

**TWO-WAY STREET  
WITH RIGHT-OR LEFT-TURN LANE  
SEPARATE SIGNAL INDICATION  
FOR RIGHT- OR LEFT-TURN MOVEMENT**

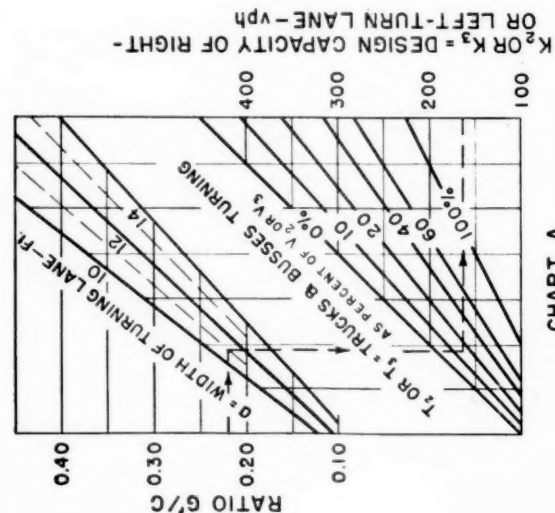
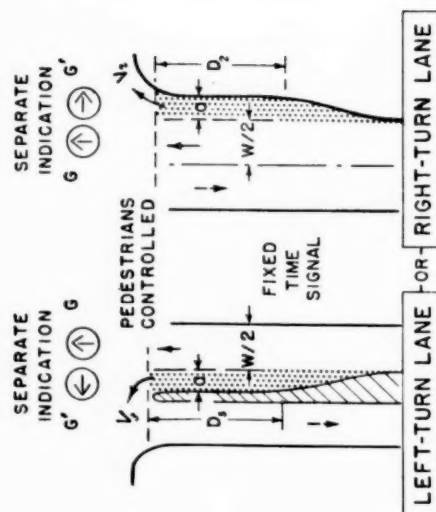


CHART A

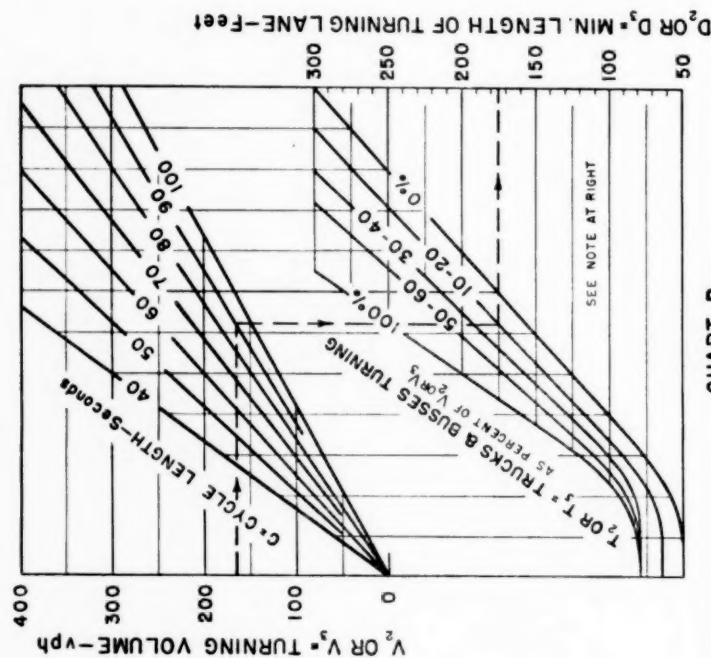


CHART B

**NOTE FOR CHART B:**  
LENGTH OF RIGHT-  
OR LEFT-TURN LANE  
BASED ON 1.5 TIMES THE  
AVERAGE NUMBER OF  
VEHICLES THAT WOULD  
STORE PER CYCLE, FOR  
 $V_2$  OR  $V_3$  SHOWN.

**DESIGN CAPACITY OF ONE APPROACH:**

**WITH LEFT-TURN LANE**

- (1) OBTAIN  $K_3$  FROM CHART A.
- (2) OBTAIN DESIGN CAPACITY OF COMBINED THROUGH AND RIGHT-TURN MOVEMENT ( $M_3$ ) FROM CHART 2, 3, 4, OR 6, USING:  
 $W/2$  = APPROACH WIDTH EXCLUSIVE OF LEFT-TURN LANE; AND  
 $L = 0\%$ .
- (3) CALCULATE  $V_3 = \frac{M_3 \times L}{100 - L}$
- (4) WHEN  $V_3 < K_3$ :  $K = M_3 + V_3$
- (5) WHEN  $V_3 > K_3$ : FIND  $M'_3 = \frac{K_3(100 - L)}{L}$  AND  $K = M'_3 + K_3$
- (6) OBTAIN  $D_3$  FROM CHART B FOR  $V_3$  OR  $K_3$ , WHICHEVER GOVERNS.

NOTE: POSSIBLE CAPACITY OF LEFT-TURN LANE =  $1.2K_3$

**WITH RIGHT-TURN LANE**

- (1) OBTAIN  $K_2$  FROM CHART A.
- (2) OBTAIN DESIGN CAPACITY OF COMBINED THROUGH AND LEFT-TURN MOVEMENT ( $M_2$ ) FROM CHART 2 OR 3, USING:  
 $W/2$  = APPROACH WIDTH EXCLUSIVE OF RIGHT-TURN LANE; AND  
 $R = 0\%$ .
- (3) CALCULATE  $V_2 = \frac{M_2 \times R}{100 - R}$
- (4) WHEN  $V_2 < K_2$ :  $K = M_2 + V_2$
- (5) WHEN  $V_2 > K_2$ : FIND  $M'_2 = \frac{K_2(100 - R)}{R}$  AND  $K = M'_2 + K_2$
- (6) OBTAIN  $D_2$  FROM CHART B FOR  $V_2$  OR  $K_2$ , WHICHEVER GOVERNS.

NOTE: POSSIBLE CAPACITY OF RIGHT-TURN LANE =  $1.2K_2$

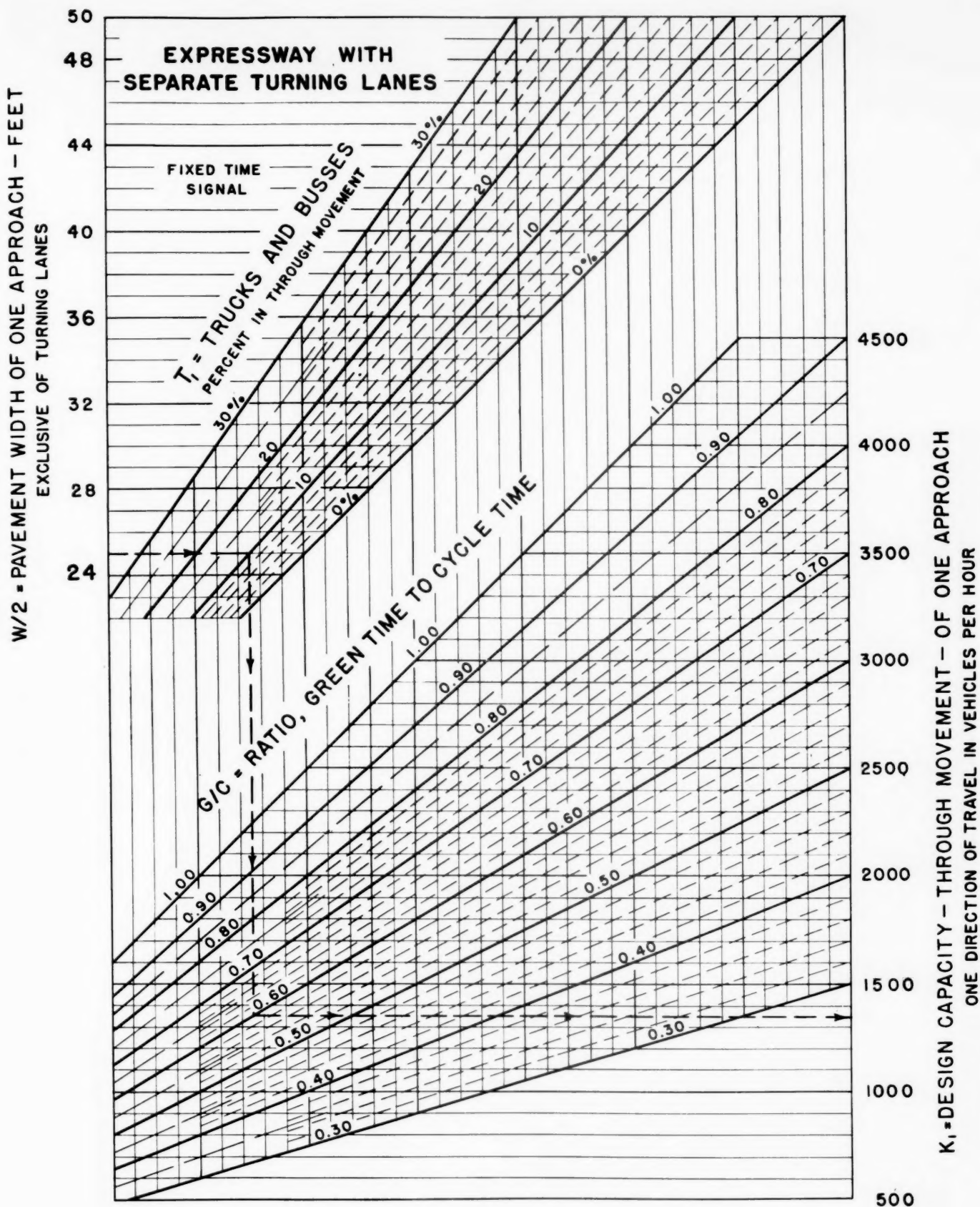
**DESIGN CAPACITY OF SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS**

**TWO-WAY STREET — WITH RIGHT-OR LEFT-TURN LANE**

SEPARATE SIGNAL INDICATION FOR TURNING MOVEMENT

CHART 10

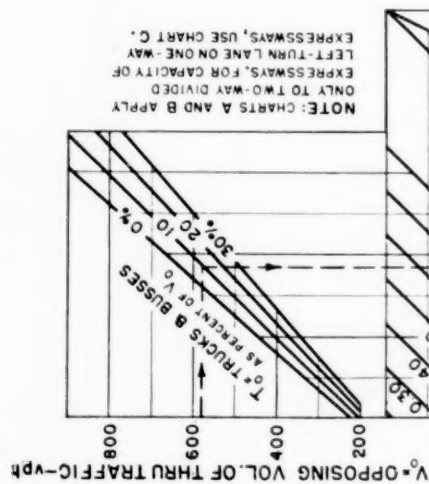




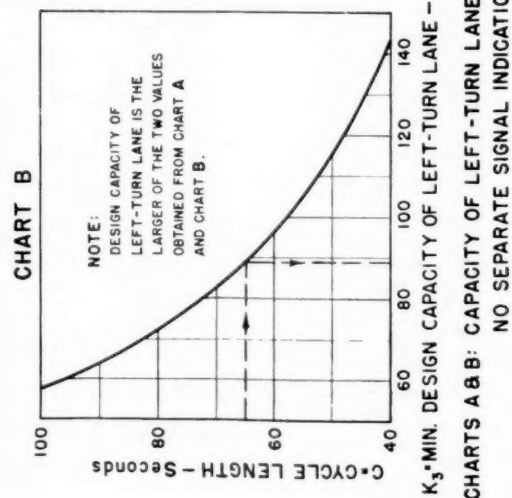
NOTE: - For capacity of separate turning lanes and sketch of intersection layout, see chart 12.

**DESIGN CAPACITY OF SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS  
EXPRESSWAYS WITH SEPARATE TURNING LANES  
CAPACITY OF THROUGH LANES ONLY**

**CHART 11**

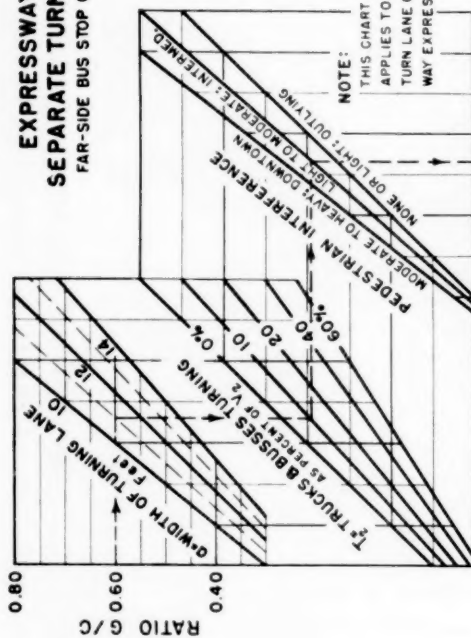


$K_3$  - DESIGN CAPACITY OF LEFT-TURN LANE - vph  
CHART A



# EXPRESSWAY WITH SEPARATE TURNING LANES

FAR-SIDE BUS STOP OR NO BUS STOP



CAPACITY OF RIGHT-TURN LANE  
NO SEPARATE SIGNAL INDICATION  
CHART C

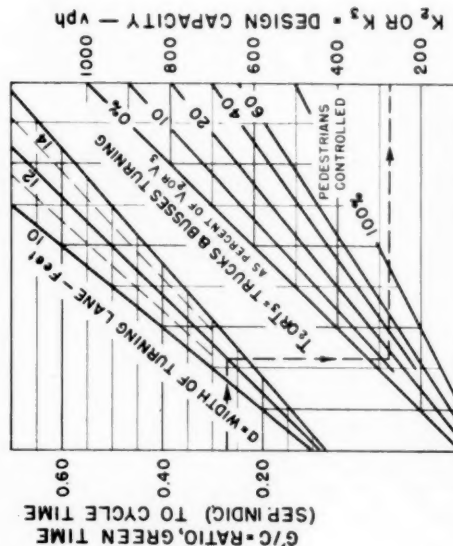
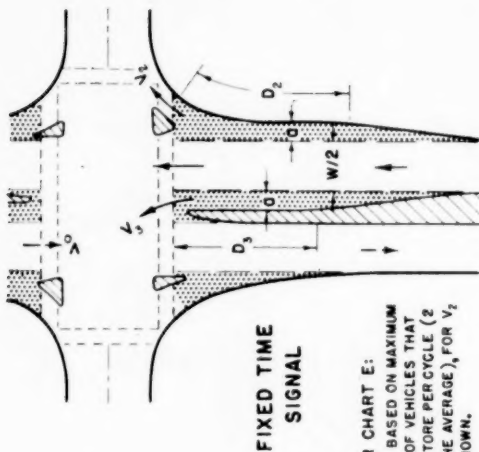


CHART D

CAPACITY OF RIGHT-OR LEFT-TURN LANE  
WITH SEPARATE SIGNAL INDICATION



FIXED TIME  
SIGNAL

NOTE FOR CHART E:  
LENGTH BASED ON MAXIMUM  
NUMBER OF VEHICLES THAT  
WOULD STORE PER CYCLE (2  
TIMES THE AVERAGE) FOR  $V_2$   
OR  $V_3$  SHOWN.

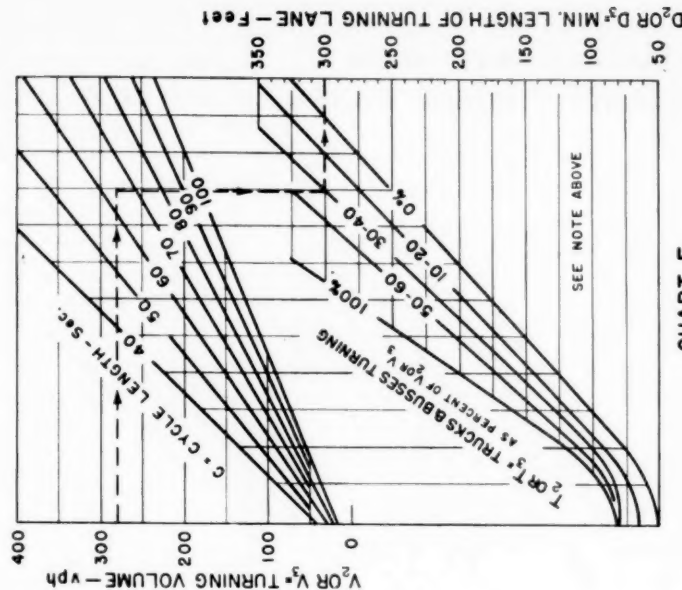
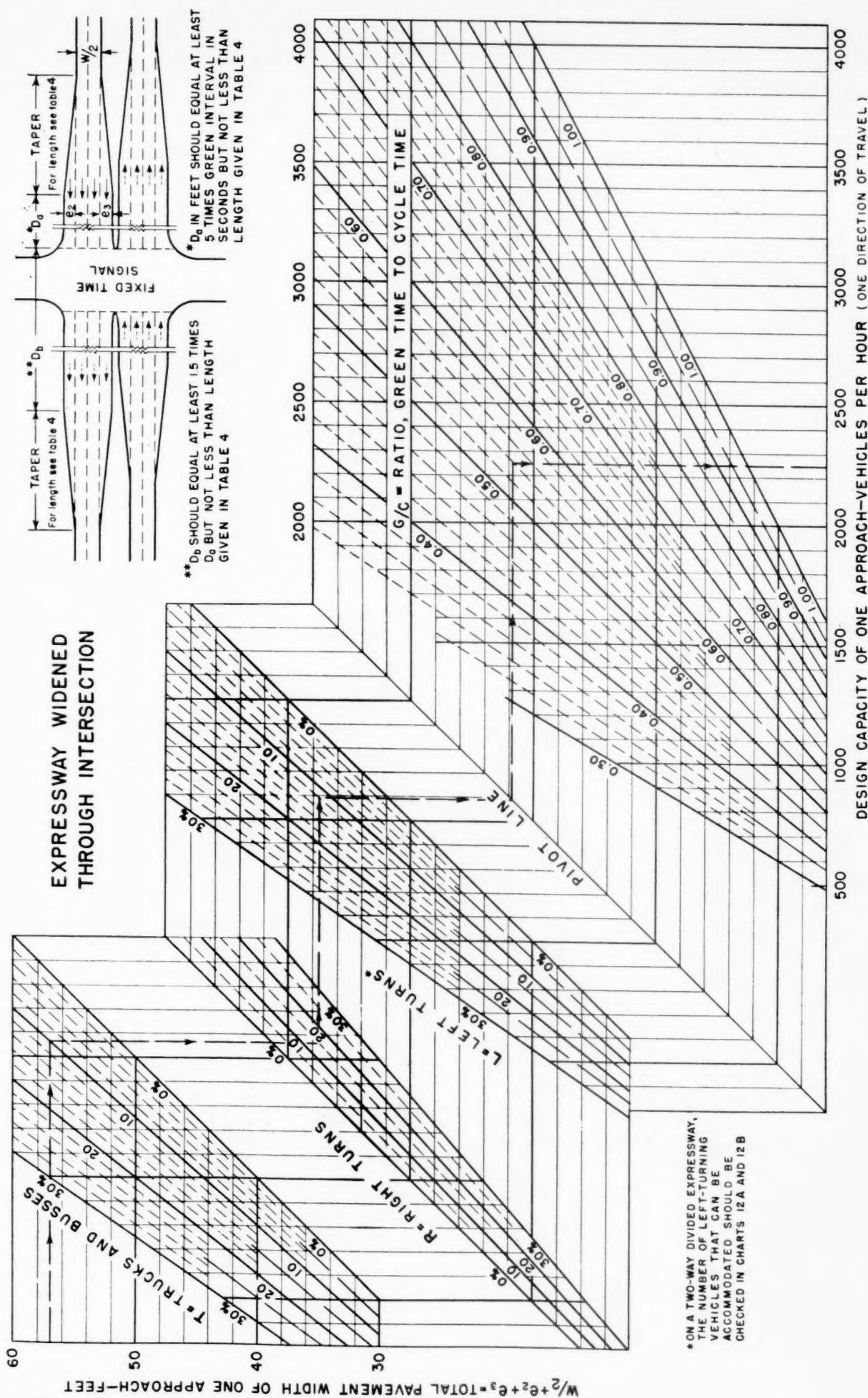


CHART E

LENGTH OF RIGHT-OR LEFT-TURN LANE  
WITH OR WITHOUT SEPARATE SIGNAL INDICATION

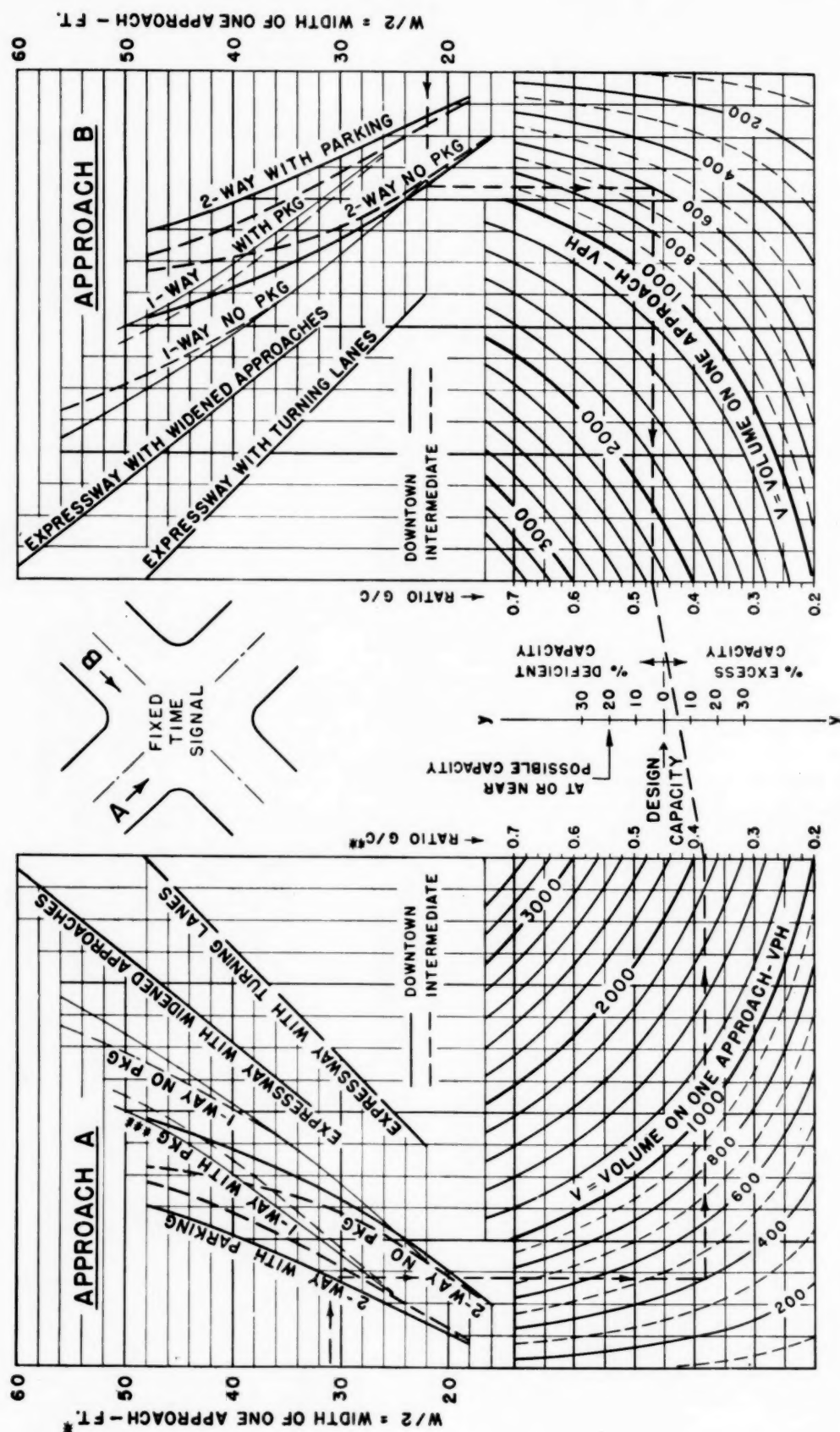
DESIGN CAPACITY OF SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS  
EXPRESSWAYS WITH SEPARATE TURNING LANES  
CAPACITY OF SEPARATE TURNING LANES ONLY

CHART 12





# OVER-ALL INTERSECTION CAPACITY — AVERAGE CONDITIONS

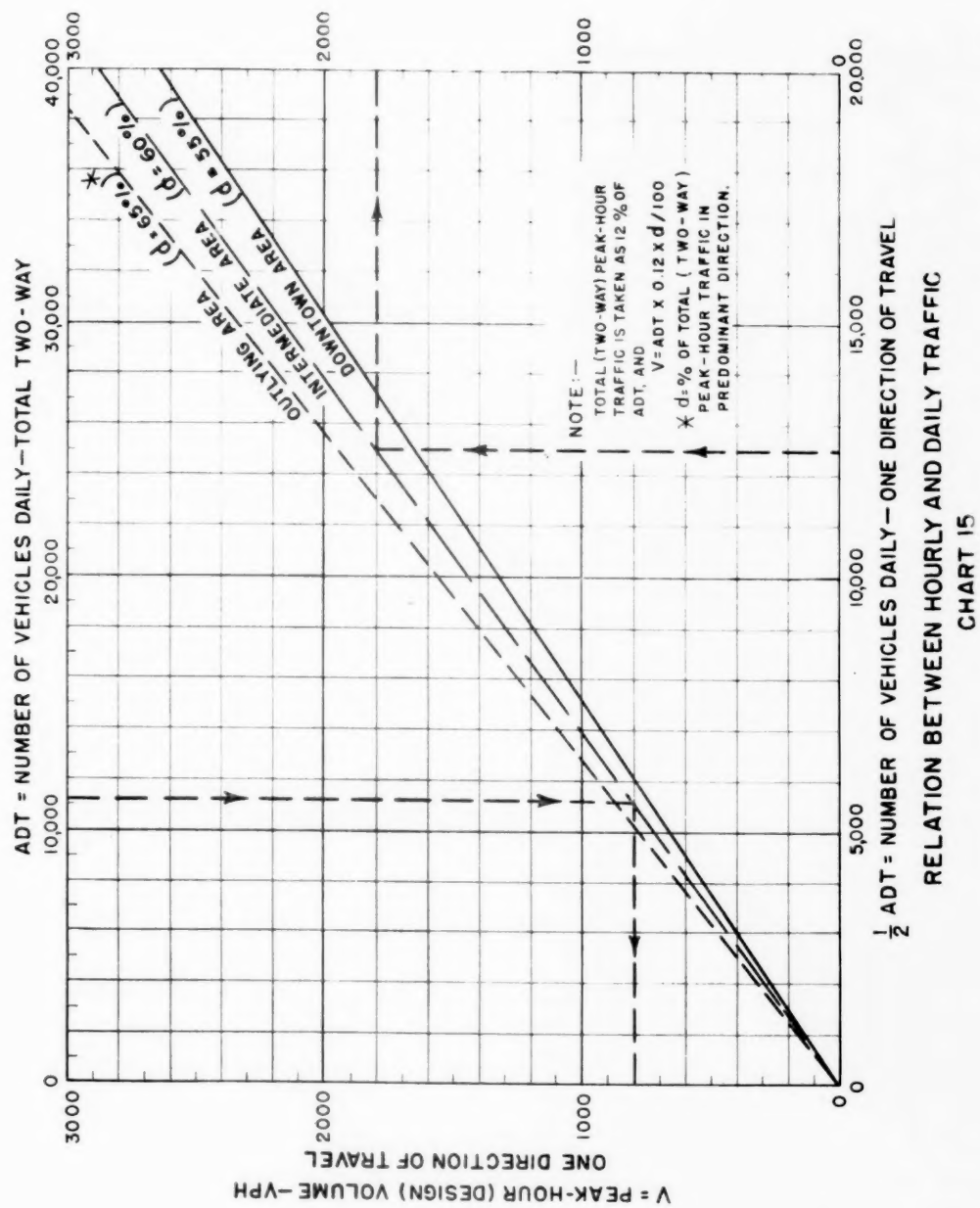


## AVERAGE CONDITIONS — EACH APPROACH:

TRUCKS AND BUSES = 10%  
TURNING MOVEMENTS —  
STREETS = 20%  
EXPRESSWAYS = 15%  
AMBER = 10% OF CYCLE

- \* — FOR TWO-WAY STREET —  
W/2 IS WIDTH OF ONE APPR., USUALLY 1/2 NORMAL CURB-TO-CURB WIDTH.
- FOR ONE-WAY STREET —  
W/2 IS WIDTH OF STREET, USUALLY NORMAL CURB-TO-CURB WIDTH.
- FOR EXPRESSWAY WITH TURNING LANES —  
W/2 IS NORMAL WIDTH OF TRAVELED WAY EXCLUSIVE OF TURNING LANES.
- FOR EXPRESSWAY WITH WIDENED APPROACHES —  
W/2 IS THE FULL WIDTH OF WIDENED APPROACH, INCLUDING THE ADDED LANES (AND CORRESPONDS TO  $W/2 + e_2 + e_3$  IN CHART 13).
- \*\* — PROPORTION OF GREEN TIME REQUIRED ON THE ONE APPROACH FOR OPERATION AT DESIGN CAPACITY.
- \*\*\* — PARKING ON ONE SIDE ONLY.

## DESIGN CAPACITY OF SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS OVER-ALL INTERSECTION CAPACITY — AVERAGE CONDITIONS CHART 14







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# PUBLICATIONS of the Bureau of Public Roads

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Reports of the Chief of the Bureau of Public Roads:

1937, 10 cents. 1938, 10 cents. 1939, 10 cents.

Work of the Public Roads Administration:

1940, 10 cents. 1942, 10 cents. 1948, 20 cents.  
1941, 15 cents. 1946, 20 cents. 1949, 25 cents.  
1947, 20 cents.

Annual Report, Bureau of Public Roads, 1950, 25 cents.

## HOUSE DOCUMENT NO. 462

- Part 1 . . . Nonuniformity of State Motor-Vehicle Traffic Laws. 15 cents.
- Part 2 . . . Skilled Investigation at the Scene of the Accident Needed to Develop Causes. 10 cents.
- Part 3 . . . Inadequacy of State Motor-Vehicle Accident Reporting. 10 cents.
- Part 4 . . . Official Inspection of Vehicles. 10 cents.
- Part 5 . . . Case Histories of Fatal Highway Accidents. 10 cents.
- Part 6 . . . The Accident-Prone Driver. 10 cents.

## UNIFORM VEHICLE CODE

- Act I.—Uniform Motor-Vehicle Administration, Registration, Certificate of Title, and Antitheft Act. 10 cents.
- Act II.—Uniform Motor-Vehicle Operators' and Chauffeurs' License Act. 10 cents.
- Act III.—Uniform Motor-Vehicle Civil Liability Act. 10 cents.
- Act IV.—Uniform Motor-Vehicle Safety Responsibility Act. 10 cents.
- Act V.—Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways. 20 cents.
- Model Traffic Ordinance. 15 cents.

## MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

- Bibliography of Highway Planning Reports. 30 cents.
- Construction of Private Driveways (No. 272MP). 10 cents.
- Economic and Statistical Analysis of Highway Construction Expenditures. 15 cents.
- Electrical Equipment on Movable Bridges (No. 265T). 40 cents.
- Federal Legislation and Regulations Relating to Highway Construction. 40 cents.
- Financing of Highways by Counties and Local Rural Governments, 1931-41. 45 cents.

- Guides to Traffic Safety. 10 cents.
- Highway Accidents. 10 cents.
- Highway Bond Calculations. 10 cents.
- Highway Bridge Location (No. 1486D). 15 cents.
- Highway Capacity Manual. 65 cents.
- Highway Needs of the National Defense (House Document No. 249). 50 cents.
- Highway Practice in the United States of America. 50 cents.
- Highway Statistics, 1945. 35 cents.
- Highway Statistics, 1946. 50 cents.
- Highway Statistics, 1947. 45 cents.
- Highway Statistics, 1948. 65 cents.
- Highway Statistics, Summary to 1945. 40 cents.
- Highways of History. 25 cents.
- Identification of Rock Types. 10 cents.
- Interregional Highways (House Document No. 379). 75 cents.
- Legal Aspects of Controlling Highway Access. 15 cents.
- Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways. 50 cents.
- Principles of Highway Construction as Applied to Airports, Flight Strips, and Other Landing Areas for Aircraft. \$1.75.
- Public Control of Highway Access and Roadside Development. 35 cents.
- Public Land Acquisition for Highway Purposes. 10 cents.
- Roadside Improvement (No. 191MP). 10 cents.
- Specifications for Construction of Roads and Bridges in National Forests and National Parks (FP-41). \$1.50.
- Taxation of Motor Vehicles in 1932. 35 cents.
- The Local Rural Road Problem. 20 cents.
- Tire Wear and Tire Failures on Various Road Surfaces. 10 cents.
- Transition Curves for Highways. \$1.25.

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## ANNUAL REPORTS

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Public Roads Administration Annual Reports:  
1943. 1944. 1945.

## MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

- Bibliography on Automobile Parking in the United States.
- Bibliography on Highway Lighting.
- Bibliography on Highway Safety.
- Bibliography on Land Acquisition for Public Roads.
- Bibliography on Roadside Control.
- Express Highways in the United States: a Bibliography.
- Indexes to PUBLIC ROADS, volumes 17-19, 22, and 23.
- Road Work on Farm Outlets Needs Skill and Right Equipment.

# STATUS OF FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY PROGRAM

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1950

(Thousand Dollars)

STATE	UNPROGRAMMED BALANCES	PROGRAMMED ONLY				CONSTRUCTION NOT STARTED				CONSTRUCTION UNDER WAY				TOTAL			
		Total Cost		Federal Funds		Total Cost		Federal Funds		Total Cost		Federal Funds		Total Cost		Federal Funds	
			Miles				Miles				Miles				Miles		
Alabama	\$19,494	\$11,001	214.6	\$5,693		\$5,288	105.1	\$2,473		\$13,298	338.5	\$6,387		\$29,157	658.2	\$14,553	
Arizona	5,181	1,246	30.1	892		356	10.9	246		6,730	112.2	4,810		8,340	153.2	5,950	
Arkansas	7,401	8,421	222.2	4,562		2,821	52.0	1,572		16,305	422.6	8,011		27,547	696.8	14,252	
California	12,555	44,460	233.6	16,724		2,588	25.0	1,343		49,344	263.7	23,963		96,412	527.3	42,030	
Colorado	7,145	2,136	60.2	1,148		2,548	54.9	1,389		10,339	230.1	5,729		15,023	345.2	8,266	
Connecticut	4,533	7,240	21.3	3,760		3,569	2.9	1,568		5,645	9.8	3,106		16,554	34.0	8,536	
Delaware	2,212	998	22.3	600		1,014	5.0	508		5,921	35.1	2,856		7,938	62.4	3,966	
Florida	8,299	12,367	232.1	6,400		10,426	242.7	5,074		12,896	279.8	6,349		35,693	754.6	17,623	
Georgia	9,380	13,598	272.2	7,177		9,462	98.6	3,657		31,137	721.5	15,391		54,597	1,092.3	26,425	
Idaho	7,475	7,032	236.7	4,435		2,477	100.7	1,534		5,645	125.0	2,896		15,154	462.4	8,865	
Illinois	34,462	37,275	314.6	20,450		15,829	113.6	8,087		46,738	325.2	23,027		99,842	753.4	51,564	
Indiana	14,960	32,447	128.4	16,740		6,932	35.5	3,346		16,050	88.7	8,291		55,429	282.6	28,377	
Iowa	6,947	14,108	360.0	6,150		4,494	110.5	2,196		11,794	314.1	5,906		30,356	784.6	14,252	
Kansas	10,542	10,217	521.9	4,259		1,976	271.9	991		10,523	517.6	5,264		22,716	1,711.4	10,514	
Kentucky	8,456	11,082	96.8	5,351		4,826	76.5	2,419		16,133	282.4	7,954		32,041	455.7	15,724	
Louisiana	5,722	15,339	112.3	7,251		6,942	56.7	3,228		20,379	222.7	10,782		42,660	391.7	21,261	
Maine	4,311	5,325	65.6	2,863		1,784	10.3	898		6,546	69.8	3,480		13,655	145.7	7,241	
Maryland	5,323	4,530	21.9	2,293		4,393	16.3	1,760		10,566	36.2	4,823		19,609	74.4	8,876	
Massachusetts	5,259	2,150	7.7	776		4,521	1.6	2,250		64,304	64.0	31,546		72,465	66.3	34,981	
Michigan	15,102	12,510	387.6	6,441		10,609	169.5	5,626		38,337	275.5	15,492		61,456	836.6	27,559	
Minnesota	11,434	7,378	770.5	4,379		711	72.7	339		18,593	361.3	10,153		26,662	1,204.5	14,911	
Mississippi	10,107	14,241	438.3	7,510		2,725	75.6	1,302		8,141	258.4	4,114		25,107	832.3	12,986	
Missouri	14,534	30,578	880.1	16,697		5,806	132.8	2,398		27,852	377.9	13,775		64,236	1,390.8	33,070	
Montana	10,218	13,150	421.2	6,701		4,516	88.2	2,650		9,677	208.9	5,803		27,343	718.3	15,154	
Nebraska	10,859	14,160	490.9	7,445		5,287	111.2	2,583		9,614	274.3	5,135		25,121	876.4	15,163	
Nevada	5,560	2,557	38.9	2,112		972	59.7	809		3,710	125.4	3,055		7,239	224.0	5,976	
New Hampshire	3,229	3,106	26.2	1,730		477	4.6	229		3,734	30.9	1,859		7,317	61.7	3,818	
New Jersey	9,059	2,672	8.8	1,336		4,135	5.5	1,887		16,790	19.2	7,843		23,597	33.5	11,066	
New Mexico	5,950	2,287	76.5	1,524		4,041	119.4	2,581		7,320	168.5	4,764		13,648	364.4	8,869	
New York	47,090	61,865	176.7	31,534		18,877	39.0	8,427		106,574	198.4	49,859		187,316	414.1	89,820	
North Carolina	9,065	16,455	417.6	7,930		6,282	99.5	2,994		22,574	519.9	10,759		45,311	1,037.0	21,683	
North Dakota	6,636	7,852	1,208.1	4,050		2,742	254.3	1,315		5,128	424.2	2,546		15,722	1,886.6	7,911	
Ohio	16,420	22,425	266.1	10,548		26,120	154.4	14,724		61,688	245.6	29,865		110,233	706.9	55,137	
Oklahoma	9,960	7,341	68.8	4,384		10,012	122.8	5,467		19,202	421.7	9,094		36,555	613.3	18,945	
Oregon	6,207	2,111	18.2	921		3,593	63.8	1,891		9,639	137.6	5,573		15,343	219.6	8,385	
Pennsylvania	22,020	6,325	13.4	3,073		17,688	31.2	2,995		74,543	197.2	35,858		98,959	241.8	43,886	
Rhode Island	1,956	6,743	50.5	3,371		520	1.4	260		13,224	10.4	5,710		20,437	62.7	10,341	
South Carolina	6,270	9,028	212.3	4,662		2,171	73.0	1,068		7,625	196.9	4,011		18,824	482.2	9,731	
South Dakota	5,802	6,203	630.1	3,211		2,153	160.0	1,251		8,534	619.0	5,265		17,550	1,409.1	10,427	
Tennessee	9,203	10,869	200.2	5,259		7,054	138.0	3,419		18,281	318.2	8,260		36,224	656.4	16,936	
Texas	19,812	4,491	83.9	2,253		16,453	247.1	4,279		43,279	884.2	20,110		64,223	1,215.2	30,871	
Utah	4,905	3,789	82.2	2,173		763	25.7	567		4,508	140.4	3,268		9,060	248.3	5,608	
Vermont	2,368	2,211	31.7	1,227		601	9.0	304		4,460	26.8	2,062		7,272	67.5	3,593	
Virginia	10,203	20,951	441.2	10,374		6,289	175.5	3,109		14,182	220.4	6,227		41,422	836.1	20,410	
Washington	6,824	7,195	68.5	3,625		1,560	22.0	732		21,741	141.4	10,452		30,496	231.9	13,609	
West Virginia	5,131	15,088	112.4	6,174		2,795	39.6	1,406		9,444	96.7	4,775		27,327	248.7	12,355	
Wisconsin	16,031	16,199	375.4	8,806		2,757	68.9	1,282		13,191	319.2	6,463		32,147	763.5	16,551	
Wyoming	3,761	1,146	15.2	768		1,308	11.3	854		6,188	169.8	3,812		8,642	196.4	5,434	
Hawaii	2,337	8,178	22.4	3,466		3,640	12.2	1,759		3,637	16.5	1,759		15,455	51.1	6,813	
District of Columbia	3,904	4,040	4.1	2,020		703	.9	564		1,062	.9	534		5,811	5.9	3,118	
Puerto Rico	3,613	13,157	66.2	6,023		755	2.7	338		5,354	37.1	4,035		23,256	106.0	10,395	
TOTAL	502,686	599,513	11,761.8	295,983		267,162	4,022.2	134,182		982,365	11,911.0	486,065		1,849,040	27,695.0	920,130	